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Thoughts on facilitating Marriage among the lower classes of people.

By Monf. BEAUMELL.

IF the princes of Germany continue I to traffic another century in human flesh, they can no longer carry on the trade for want of commodi-

How comes it that the North, formerly fo populous, that it was called humani generis officina, is now fo thinly inhabited? What is become of that prolific principle? It fubfifts ft !!; but moral causes chain up the power of natural ones.

One of the most pernicious effects of luxury, is the having multiplied the causes that interrupt the propagation of the human species, in multiplying the objects of pleasure and diffipation; we enter, in this respect, rich into the world; we become infignificant in it, by confuming our youth in pleafures that are the image of marriage, and which do not fulfil the intention of it; we marry when we are quite worn out, and we die useless.

How comes it that a nation in its infancy multiplies greatly? what is the reason that it does not multiply any more in the fame proportion, when it is once formed?

There is in some parts of Guinea a custom which shews the good sense of that nation. On a certain day of Month, Mif.

the year, the king affembles all the youth of both fexes in his dominions, and performs on the spot as many marriages as there are marriageable pairs in the affembly. In this country they do not fo much as know debauchery.

They count in Spain seven millions of fouls; it might maintain fix times the number; it wants, therefore, fix degrees of happiness, of riches, and power. Do you not believe, that if a king of Spain would fincerely refolve upon it, he might

re-people his country?

A prince will people his country by making marriage eafy to the mechanic, the labourer, and the foldier, the gentleman and the rich merchant, by making the courtier reverence conjugal fidelity. He will facil tate marriage by encouraging industry; he will render this union respected, by extending the empire of morals, and by weakening the dominion of diffipation. In Germany, the flavery of the peafants destroys both industry and population; in France, the ridicule that is thrown upon lawful affection, the false air of grandeur and dignity which they have been pleafed to introduce even into domestic pleafures; the flavish subjection to the mode, which makes conjugal fidelity an antiquated virtue; -all thefe have banished morals, and destroyed more illustrious names than either their duels or entrenchments.

Observations on some English Proverbs.

MY Lord Bacon observes, that the genius, wit, and spirits of a nation are described by their proverbs; such as the noble sublimity of the Greeks and Romans, the gravity of the Spaniards, the sprightliness of the French, and the rugged simplicity of the English. I shall make a few observations on those proverbs which are either originally English, or adopted by our countrymen, and chiefly applied to persons in high life.

" Sail, quoth the King: hold,

quoth the Wind."

This is a proper admonition to Kings, that however great their power may be over their fubjects, the wind, fea and weather will not obey them, let them bluster and threaten as much as they please.

" The king's cheese goes half

away in parings."

That is, a great deal of it is squandered away among the collectors and other officers of the revenue, in public salaries, and perhaps private embezzlements, unless they are strictly watched and often called to account.

"The king's chaff is worth more

than other mens corn."

This fignifies, that even the little perquifites which attends the King's fervice, are more confiderable than the flanding wages of private perfons.

"He that eats the King's goofe, will be choaked with his feathers."

Though too many princes don't care how much their poor subjects are sleeced, they seldom pardom such injuries, when done to themselves, especially if they happen to be defrauded in that which is their darling

paffion; and therefore some of our modern ministers, much wifer than their predecessors, instead of touching a bit of their master's goose, have fattened it up for his own table at the peoples expense, as well as another for themselves.

"Kings and bares often worry their

keepers."

This is a very groß comparison, and I am forry to find it amongst our English proverbs; though even Soloman, who was a King, as well as the wisest of men, make use of it. Nay the truth of it is confirmed by a thousand instances in history, and ought to be a warning to all bad Ministers and Courtiers; some of whom are fo fenfible of their danger, that they use their masters little better than bears, keeping them almost constantly muzzled and tied up, they grow very tame, and find it for their advantage to lead them about themfelves.

" The peoples love is the Kings

life-guard."

These words contain so plain and excellent a moral, that they stand in need of no comment, and ought to be fixed up in character of gold over the gates of every palace.

" It is well faid, but who will

bell the cat?"

This is a Scottish proverb, and was occasioned, as Mr. Kelly (not Mr. Hugh Kelly) informs us, by the following circumstance in history.—
The nobility of Scotland entered into a combination against one Spence, a favourite of King James the Third. It was proposed to go in a body to Stirling, seize Spence and hang him; then to effer their service to the king, as his natural counsellors; upon which lord Gray observed, It is well said, but who will bell the cat? alluding to the sable of the mice, who proposed

proposed to put a bell about the cat's neck, that they might be apprifed of her coming. The earl of Angus replied, that he would bell the cat, which he accordingly executed, and was ever afterwards called Arcibald Bell Cat.—This furnishes the nobility of all nations with a very good leffon, not to suffer a wicked favourite to domineer over his Sovereign, as well as themselves, and the whole nation, without exerting their authority against him, in the most rigorous manner, according to law.

" A friend at court is worth a

penny in the purse "

My author feems to be of opinion, that this faying came into use before the customs of buying commissions, and placing of money, because at present a purse seems to be the only friend at court, without which nothing is to be got there but neglect and empty promises, unless a man hath it in his power to do a great man some notable job.

"As long as you are in the fox's fervice, you must hold up his tail."

This is a fevere farcasm upon the abject tools, and implies that they must submit to any dirty work, which their paymaster shall think sit to impose upon them; such as holding up his tail, or even his strumper's tail; for if they boggle at any thing, they are sure of being kicked off and exposed. To such persons therefore I would recommend the following proverb;——"Leave the court e'er the court leave thee."

"If the D—I be vicar, you'll be clerk."

This is spoken of trimmers, turncoats, and time servers, who abound too much in all courts, and commonly take the advice of another roverb. " Never go to the D-1 with a dish-clout in your hand."

For he muit be a fool, as well as a knave, who fells his foul for a trifle, if he can get any thing confiderable by it: and herein confifts the only difference between a rogue of state and a poor pickpocket. The former may be thought more honourable, according to court language; but the latter is equally honest, and much more excuseable.

"Go back, and fall; go forward, and mar all."

Applied to those who hemmed themselves in between such difficulties, that they cannot stir either one way or the other. I his hath sometimes been the case even of Ministers, who have negotiated their country into so untowerd a situation, that peace and war are equally dangerous and impracticable.

These proverss, amongst a thoufand more, contain a little compendium or epitome of our natural and political constitution. There is indeed a good deal of fatire, and some of it not very delicate, mixed up with them, but such as is sounded is sounded in good sense, and agreeable to the spirit or a rough and free people.

A Native of Britain.

REPARTEE.

Ounfellor C—being chofen a friendly arbitrator between two near relations, one of whom had a very defervedly bad character, it happened in the warmth of stating their grievances, the one gave the other the lie. "Lie, Sir," fays the man with the bad character, "know that is among the actions of my life I DARE not do." "My dear friend," fays the counfellor, "do not be in a passion: upon my soul, you have too mean an opinion of your own courage."

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Benefit of baving the Gout.

If Pain be an evil, as fome philofophers think, of confequence the Gout must be an evil, as afflicting the body with pain; but on due consideration, the gout, when recurring at stated times, in regular fits, may rather be reputed a good, and a benefit both to body and mind.

If confuming all fuperfluous humours, and driving to the extremities all the excrementitious, acrid, and tartarous or terrine parts of the blood, hinders their attacking the brain, heart, or any other not le part. Those who have experienced the gout will grant this; for it always leaves the head and heart free, and is seldom fatal, unless by intemperance, or the accession of other discases, though indeed the true gout banishes many disorders, and some even that might otherwise prove very dangerous.

The gout therefore not only purges away superfluous humours, and is a prefervative against a number of ailments, but it cannot be thought how it depurates, clears, and perfects the faculties of the mind.

By diffipating, and making to flow off, all thick, terrestrial, and useless humours, generated by the tartar of the blood (the true cause of the gout, and not any vice of the nerves, as most physicians vainly imagine) the blood becomes much purer, has a freer circulation, and is more subtilized.

Now, who can doubt that these good dispositions of the blood contribute greatly to constitute a sound state of the intellects? Add to this, that, whilst the body suffers a little externally, the mind employs itself within, collects into intuitive views the exertion of its powers, and thereby becomes stronger, and more pierging. A gouty person likewise, difficult incumbered of all the tumult of passion, moderate in eating and drinking, supposed to have time for re-

collection, and configns himself over to contemplation, ought, certainly to have more ready, clear, and free conceptions.

There have been emergencies, wherein the counfels of the gouty have been found preferable to those of others. In all the important deliberations, whether as to war, domestic police, negociation, or other falutary measures, who could acquir himself more nobly, or more to the honour of the nation than lord Chatham? The envious have endeavoured to traduce him, but his superior talents and eloquence still remain unimpeached and unrivalled.

The emperor Severus was never more capable of governing the Roman empire than in his fits of the gout. When his legions in Britain imagined him useless on that account, and became mutinous, in order to raise his son Caracalla to the chief command, he bravely had them decimated, and convinced them that his authority still demanded all their respect, as it was his head that go-

The genius and refined politics of cardinal Mazarine never shone in a more conspicuous light than when his feet were swelled with the gout.

verned them, not his feet.

Erasmus composed some of his best works when he was confined by that disorder: and I may add Dean Prideaux also.

There is another reflection in regard to the gout, which militates in favour of the moral character. The gouty person, when rouzed by pain, cannot help meditating on the mileries of this life, and the little value that should be set upon it. Hence he must think of the happiness in another state of existence, which he is not able to procure for himself in this. I add, that some comfort is better than none, and that I can, in my own person, testify the truth of what is here advanced.

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A FOUR MONTHS TOUR through FRANCE.

HE author of this performance gives the following account of

the divertions at Paris:

" OF the public spectacles the Comedie Francoife is the chief, and has taken upour time more than any other, there being scarce an evening that we do not fpend there. This theatre is fpacious, and, when filled with company, has a splendid appearance. is divided into the stage, orchestra, parquet, parterre, amphitheatre, and boxes. The flage and orchestra differ very little from those of Drury-lane or Covent-garden; except that in the one there is but littleshifting of the scenes, and in the other a better band with shorter intermedia or interludes. The parquet, which is a division of about fix or feven rows of clothed feats, behind the orchestra, is of the same price with the boxes, and filled promifcuoully with men and women. The parterre, which answers to our pit, is without feats, and is filled with men who stand during the representation: and the amphitheatre is behind all, a little raised above the parterre, and containing the same, or it may be a greater number of benches than the parquet. The remainder of the house consists entirely of boxes, the first and fecond row of which are generally hired by particular people for a year, or longer, as they pleafe.

The council or committee that manage the house conduct every thing with the greatest propriety and regu-

larity.

The actors here, in my opinion, are far superior to the generality of those we have in England: a conftrained and studied gesture is not so much to be observed amongst them; for every motion of the body and arms feems to accompany the paffions they express, with the greatest propriety and ease. Our actors are commonly

action, and to be thinking more in what attitude they shall throw themfelves to catch a plaudit from the upper gal'ery, than on the subject that ought to give rife to it. The French do not feem to think that they are using gesture, and consequently it does not appear unnatural. Perhaps their fuperiority arises from the cultom they have of accompanying every thing they speak with some motion or other of the body, and that they commence acting from the time they begin to articulate. I could with to add to our stage a Le Kain, a la Rive, a Mole, and a Veitris; but were the language the fame in France and England, I do not imagine they would willingly change from a polite to a barbarous audience; where the pensions, that should support them when they are infirm and no longer able to please the public are engrossed by a private purfe. During the reprefentations here, the attention of the house is remarkable; there is no whiftling between the fingers, no hawling for reast beef, nor pelting the parterre with oranges, but the public behaviour is such, as becomes those who lay claim to the title of a polished people. Upon the whole, our theatre, when compared to that of Paris, is little better than a bear-garden; and I have no expectation (whatever account our own vanity may make of it) that it will ever bear any reputation among foreigners, before its regulation be totally altered, and no fuch glaring vestiges of barbarism remain.

Of the Comedie Italienne I have little more to fay, than that the house is built on the same plan as Comedie Francoife, and that it fometimes confilts of a farragoof French and Italian, and of comedy, farce, and pantomime. Harlequin is introduced in most of the burlefque dramas, but instead of being a fuccefsful hero as he is with us, is buffetted, kicked, and made the sport of all the characters in them. I have awkward, because they appear to study seen the plot and incident of comedy

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d fgraced with the vilest buffoonery; and think it an affront to Italy, which has given birth, if not to many great dramatic writers besides Metastasio, at least to great poets and historians, that this house should be called the Comedie Italienne. But I am talking nonfense; for though many of their pieces are fearce worthy a mountebank's stage, there are yet others that would do honour to any pen whatever; and it is no more a reproach to the Italians, that the French produce fuch as the former for specimens of their taffe, than it would be to us were they to have a Comedic Angloife, and exhibit our late popular pieces of pageantry, when they might have chofen from a Congreve, a Johnson, or a Shakefpear.

The opera is the most superb spectacle of Paris, and, in its decorations, feenery, and dancing, perhaps stands unrivaled. The house is very spacious, and in general well fill'd; though I imagine that the orchestra, which can boast an excellent band, has the least share in drawing the glittering crouds that refort there. But I judge from myfelf .- However no difparagement to this opera, I believe the same may be faid of all the concerts in the world-few are those that feel the power of music, and I believe if we were to cull fuch from the number whom fashion, idleness, intrigue, or curiofity, has drawn, we should not find the proportion above one to an hundred. You may suppose me, if you please, to be with the majority: for I assure you I can find little inducement, either in the finging or dancing, to frequent the opera of Paris. Do not think I went prejudiced from report, for I am far from having a poor opinion of the French music in general, and from condemning their composition or execution. excepting that part which is pe formed by the voice. I should no more think of decrying the compositions of Lully, Phillidor, Gretry, and many

others, than I should of abosing the productions of Burney, Sacchini, or Handel. The music would please me exceedingly, could I hear it without the vile fqualling with which it is accompanied. The performers on different instruments yield to none, but of their fingers I have not heard one that has the least taste or judgment in the management of the voice; and I have wondered how it has been poffible for them to be fo difagreeable to the ear, in airs that would have done honour to any composer whatever. I have heard the Orteo of the Chevalier Gluck fo mangled, that had it not been for the symphonies, no one, however well acquainted with it before, could have known or recollected Whether the English or French is the best calculated to accompany mufical founds, let those decide who are better judges than I am: I de not mean to compare the one with the other: for as habit reconciles us to every thing, this opera in an English dress might possibly be as difagreeable to the French as it is in its Parifian garb to me. Voltaire fays, that French mufic is only proper for French ears, and cannot be relished by any other, for this reason-parceque la prosocie Francoise est different de toutes celles de l'Europe. Nous appuions (fays he) toujours fur la derniere syllable, & toutes les autres nations pefent fur la penulcieme, ou fur l'antepenultieme, ainsi que les Italiens. Nous n'avons point l'habitude, qu'on a chez le pape, & dans les autres cours Italiennes, de priver les hommes de leur virilite, pour leur donner une voix plus belle que celle de femmes. Tout cela joint a la l'enteur de notre chant, qui fait un etrange contraste avec la vivacite de notre nation, rendra toujours la musique Francoife propre pour les feuls Français. This may probably be true, for whatever was the cause, there was not a finger that I thought had either judgment or sweetness of voice; and PT.

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yet fome of them were heard with as great an attention, and gained as warm plaudits, as ever did a Linley or a Davies.

I have been much pleafed with the Concert Spirituel, as I had an opportunity of hearing, there, the most celebrated performers of France difplay their execution and tafte, in folos and concertos compofed for their particular inflruments. This spectacle answers to our oratorios, and is performed on days when the theatres are not open. There, as well as at the opera, every air accompanied with French words was detestable: and though pleafing in the fymphonies, when the finger began, were no longer fo: but it feemed as if a fqualling pipe of an organ had accidentally burit its valve, and deftroyed the effect that an elegant compofition would otherwise have had.

Among the public spectacles, I must not forget to tell you of one; that I little expected to have feen in France: I mean bull-baiting, and that more inhuman than even an English butcher can well conceive. The place appointed for this polite diversion, is a imall amphitheatre built of wood. Around the arena, in the ancient manner, are the caves and dens for the beafts of combat; and over these are the boxes and galleries for the spectators. As this spectacle was announced by printed papers, Mr .and I had the curiofity to fee how it was conducted: as the French beito.v very liberally on the English the title of a cruel nation, on account of the fondness the common people discover for this and some other diversions of the fame fort. It begun with various combats of wolves, bears, and wild boars, with mastiffs : but the bull was referved as a finishing stroke to fatiate the cruelty of the spectators. It was not long before ours was fufficiently glutted. Theanimal, infpringing to the first dog that entered. broke off his horn close to his head

against the wall. He was then defenceles: but they continued to fend in mastiffs to the number of fourteen, that were suffered to hang about him, till he fell to the ground. This we did not see, for we could not stay the conclusion; but as we heard from our fervant whom we left there, he was devouring alive for more than two hours, and that his nose, tongue, eyes, and throat were eaten, before he expired. Join with me, here, in retorting back on the French the appellation they bestow on us of Peuple barbare. I am, &c."

On the Character of a real Philosopher.

HERE is no prejudice more common than that of confounding fingularity, and the love of diftinction, with philosophy. Nor is this at all furprifing. The vulgar, who never carry their thoughts beyond appearances, are slways ftruck with the man who deviates from the common path, who purfues a fystem of conduct directly opposite to that of the generality of mankind, who despise what others covet, who renounces riches, grandeur, and all the fweets and allurements of life. This whimfical fingularity of conduct, after dazzling the eyes of the vulgar, fometimes creates a prejudice in favour of his opinion; nay it happens, not unfrequently, that from being an object of pity or of ridicule, he obtains applause and admiration.

But let us diffinguish philosaphy from what has only the appearance of it; let us consider the man who professes it without prejudice; and let us not profittute the name of wisomt do pride or peevishness—Under the Cynic's mantle, or that of the Stoic, under the appearance of disnerestedness, and a contempt of honours, same and pleasure, it is no uncommon thing to find persons ab-

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folutely enflaved by envy, spleen, and ambition.

If philosophy is the fearch after truth, fincerity must be the first and most effential quality of a philosopher. Great talents, and the art of thinking, are not exclusive privileges granted to perfons of cool, dispassionate, and virtuous dispositions. The man who thinks, is not always a philosopher; he may have a wretched temper, be tormented with fpleen, and a flave to passion; he may be envious, haughty, deceitful, diffatisfied with others, and with himself. When this is the case, he is incapable of making just observations, his reasonings become suspicious; he can scarce see himself in his genuine, native colours; or if he does, he strives to conceal from himself the obliquity and irregularity of his temper and disposition: his philosophy, or rather the motley fystem of his brain, is full of confufion; there is no connection in his principles; all is fophiltry and contradiction: infincerity, pride, envy, caprice, mifanthropy, appearthroughout; and if the vulgar, 'dazzled with his talents, and the novelty of his principles, look upon him as a protound and sublime philosopher, perfons of nicer difcernment fee nothing but spleen, discontent, vanity, and fometimes malignity under the difguife of virtue.

The philosopher has no right to esteem or value himself, but when he contributes to the welfare of his sellow-ceatures: the applause of his conscience is then only lawful and necessary, when he knows he deserves it.——In a world, blinded by prejudice, and so often ungrateful, this ideal recompence is, alas! almost the only one that is left to virtue: Let the philosopher, therefore, esteem himself happy, when he has done good; let him congratulate himself upon being free from those vain defires, those vices, those shameful

paffions, those imaginary wants, with which others are tormented: but let him not compare himself with his fellow-creatures, in fuch a manner as to shock their felf-love. If he thinks himself happier than they, let him not infult their wretchedness: above all; let him not plunge them into despair. The friend of wisdom ought to be the friend of men : he ought never to despise them; he ought to fympathize with them in their afflictions; he ought to comfort and encourage them. A love of mankind, an enthufiaim for public good, fensibility, humanity these are the motives which he may acknowledge without a blufh .-- Without this, philosophy is only an idle and ufeless declamation against the human fpecies, which proves nothing but the pride or peevishness of the declaimer, and convinces nobody

What title, indeed, has the philosopher to despise or insult his tellow-creatures? Is it because he imagines he has superior knowledge? But his knowledge is useless, if fociety derives no advantage from Why should he hate his species, or what glory can arise from misanthropy? True and folid glory can only be founded upon humanity, the love of mankind, fenfibility, and gentleness of manners-Arc men ignorant and full of prejudices? Alas! education, example, habit and authority, oblige them to be fo. they flaves to vice, passion, and frivolous defires? Those who regulate their defliny, the impostors who-feduce them, the models which they have before their eyes, plant in their hearts all the vices that torment them.

To infult the wretched, is the height of barbarity; to refuse to lead the blind, is the height of cruelty; to reproach them bitterly for having fallen into the ditch, is both folly and inhuma-

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AR. Tempest passing by one day, a porter reiting himfelf, with his load by him, groaned aloud, and wished he had five hundred pounds. Why, (fays Tempest) I will give you five hundred pounds, and now what will you do with it? ' Oh, (fays the porter) I will foon tell you what I will do with it: First, I will have a pint of ale, and a toast and nutmeg, every morning for my breakfait.'-Well, and what time will you get up?' ' Oh, I have been used to be up at five or fix o'clock, fo I will do that now.' 'Well, what will you do after breakfast?' "Why, I will fetch a walk till dinner.' 'And what will you have for dinner?' ' Why, I will have a good dinner; I will have good roaft and boiled beef, and fome carrots and greens-and I will have a full pot every day—and then I will smoke a pipe.' 'Well, and ten perhaps you will take a nap.'May be I may-no, I will not take a nap; I will fetch another walk till supper.' Well, and what will you have for supper?' ' Why, I do not know-I will have more beef if I am a hungry; or elfe I will have a welfh rabbit and another full pot of beer.' 'Well, and then?' 'Why then I will go to bed, to be fure.'-Well, but will not you have a wife too?' 'Oh, d-n it, master, I have got one.' ! Pray how much now may you earn a week by your bufiness? ' Why, master, I can maké you eighteen shillings a week. Why, will you not be tired now, do you think, after a little while, in doing nothing every day?' Why, I do not know, master, I have been thinking so.' Well then, let me propose a scheme to you.' With all my heart, master.'- Why, you can do all this every day as you are, and employ your time into the bargain."

Why, really fo I can, master, I think, and so take your 500l, again, and thank you.

This honest fellow (who was much wifer than Pyrrhus on a like occafion) determined, as I believe would for the most part be done, if people were carefully and unbiaffed to weigh on both fides. They would find that providence was their best friend, in not curfing their short-fighted schemes with compliance; as Jupiter, in that fine fable, did Semele, who faw her wish in one view only, but did not confider that the ' bright enflamed embrace' which was only the 'glow of divine passion' for a goddess, (which her fond lover tempered as much as possible to her bearing) would fcorch up a mortal to a cinder. Ovid. Met.

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By Mr. FOOTE.

HE death of the late Mr. Hoiland, of Drury-lane theatre (who was the fon of a baker at Chyfwick) had likewife a very great effect on Foote's spirits; being a legatee, as well as appointed, by the will of the deceased, one of his bearers, he attended the corpse to the family-vault, at Chyfwick, and there very fincerely paid a plentiful tribute of tears to his memory. his return to town, by way of alleviating his grief, he called in at the Bedford-coffee-house, where an acquaintance coming up to him; asked him if he had not been paying the last compliment to his friend Holland? "Yes, poor fellow," fays Foote, almost snivelling at the same time, " I have just seen him shoved into the family-oven."

Extracts from ORIGINAL LET-TERS, DRAMATIC PIECES, and POEMS, by BENJAMIN VIC-

I Shall now proceed to a character that deferves the pen of the ablest historians, viz. CHARLES LUCAS, an apothecary and citizen of Dublin.

My intimacy with this extraordinary person (whom I am proud to call by the name of friend) may perhaps lead me into a warmth, that his enemies will call partiality. His person is very agreeable; he has all the requisites to render him engaging in social life; he has all the requisites to render him useful in public life; he is a good scholar, and to crown all, he is a man of virtue. His peculiar happiness as an Orator was so universally admired, that it largely contri-

buted to his feeming ruin.

When he was chosen into the Common Council of this city, his talents were fo fuperior to all in that affembly, that he foon grew a leader there. And as the richest body of men in all kingdoms are apt to diffrefs the poorer, it was not to be wondered the Aldermen had committed numberless encroachments on the city, with impunity. Charles Lucas had penetration to discover, elocution to display, and joined to these abilities, the greatest firmness of mind that ever possessed the human being. From all this you will not wonder at his carrying every thing before him-or that his election for the city to parliament would have met with the least doubt-but his openants in the city were too contemptible for fo enterprifing a genius; he foared at higher game; and from rescuing the city from flavery, turned his thoughts at once to rescue the nation. He began that attempt when confined to his chamber in a long fit of the gout. I found himone day earnestly employed with his papers, that it excited my curiofity to enquire after his subject

-he confented and read to me for an hour, which was nothing lefs than a fatirical description of the political fituation of Ireland with England. I heared with amazement! and when I had expressed my dislike to it with fome warmth, he laughed it off. by asking my pardon for forgetting I was an Englishman! To conclude, he published this work in three or four large pamphlets, which gave great offence to government; and when the Earl of Harrington came over Lord Lieutenant, those pamphlets were bound in a handsome volume, which he had the spirit and indifcretion to present to his Excellency one morning at his levee. I hus many persons have been ruined by those popular virtues, for which they were first admired.

On the day the Lord Lieutenant went to the House of Lords, to open the parliament, Mr. Lucas came to vifit me, and when the cannon were firing to denote the business of the day, I laid my hand upon his, and faid, "-You hear those guns-prithee tell me Charles-have you no fears"-he answered " he had not ;" and I really believed him, fo fecure was he of fafety in his popularity; but in less than four hours after, it appeared in print that the Lord Lieuteant in his speech from the throne had pointed him out as an object of refentment to the House of Commons. The Commons proceeded with feverity, but at the same time with a dignity becoming that House; and the best friends of Mr. Lucas were obliged to affemble to force him into a boat, to carry him to the Isle of Man, to avoide his commitment to Newgate—that meafure was happy for him and government, confidering the outrageous temper of the populace; had he been committed, great mifchiefs must have ensued, which must all have been carried to his account.

He was a long time in London; if you had met with him, you would

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have found the truth of his character -he was particularly kind and friendly to D--. He was in the theatre the first night she appered in the character of Indianer .- and what with his fears for her and the diffress of the character of the last act (which was new to him) and the fuccess she met with-from all these circumstances he was feen to shed a plentiful number of tears, of fo gentle and tender a disposition is the heart of this amiable man.

To M. D. Efq.

My dear friend,

I Hear, by a letter just received from London, that you are in forrow. No point of distress, in this life, in my imagination, is more sharp than what a fond parant fuffers by the lofs of a favourite child; and still more afflicting when lost by acts of disobedience, than death-but you will suppose I have taken up my pen to alleviate the pangs you must feel on this occasion; having found it among the many errors of human nature, that we are too apt to affift our evil genius, by magnifying our misfortunes, and making them appear greater than they really are.

It must be of service to you my dear friend, to go upon this enquiry-Your daughter has committed an act of disobedience, by marrying without your confent or knowledge; this action, where the fond parent is rich, and carefully providing for an only child, is a most afflicting circumstance; this is granted-Well, but though fome part of your exalted hopes are gone, is your child wholly loft? that is the important question remaining—has the married a man of an infamous character? a man bred to no profession! If the has been so unhappy, why then you must take her home to you again (after she has felt fome of the mifery she has wedded,

not been fo indifcreet, and what report fays be true—that the is married to a handsome young man of science, and a proficient, and one you made a frequent visitor in your house, which is a proof of his having a fair character: If these particulars are facts, I should really be inclined to hope that good may arise out of this disagreeable evil, and, after a little time employed to wear out the refentment, contracted by this act of disobedience, that you will behave like yourfelt-a good

Permit me my friend, to tell you a short story, a little similar to this occasion: A certain very worthy, sensible Lord, very near you, had the mortification to hear that one of his daughters was married to his coachman, an honest man, who had been fome years in his family-As foon as his Lordship heard it, he fent for his daughter into the closet, and charged her with it-the young lady fell on her knees, and confessed her crime-Her father (with great compofure) told her, he hoped she had confidered well before the took to extraordinary a step, and fully determined to adapt her conduct and futer life to the condition of her husband; and with that gentle admonition she withdrew, and John was fent for, who, you will suppose, appeared before his Lord with all those palpitations and tremblings that became to great a culprit-but his master soon told him, as his daughter was no girl, he thought her most to blame in this affair, fince she could forget her birth, her education, and fortune, and facrifice all to be his wife, he thought the temptation too great for him to withstand, and therefore (added the father) I have fent for you to tell you what I will do. Johnbecause you are my fon-in-law, think not I will attempt to make you, what nature has forbid, a gentleman! No and is become a true penitent) with all -I will take a proper house for you, her folly on her head; but if the has give you two good coaches, and a

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fet of good horses, with five hundred pounds to set the wheels a going; and let me hear that you behave like an honest man and a good husband. I have been well informed this hap-

I have been well informed this happy couple live, at this time at the upper end of the Haymarket—that the man is rich with a good character, and the wife happy, and the mother of fix children,

Your faithful friend and fervant.

To the EDITOR.

Solitude sometimes is but society,

And short retirement urges shocet return.

Milton.

SIR,

Have now lying before me the late Dr. Battie's admirable treatife on Madnefs, which that gentleman wrote many years ago. As the medical art has not been my principal fludy, I shall not attempt to address you in the cant of physical jargon, but shall trouble you with a few thoughts just as they arise to my

imagination.

" Various (fays the doctor) are the causes of this fatal disorder; but as these would be too numerous to trouble you with at prefent, I shall confine myfelf only to one. The mind that is perpetually bent on one object foon lofes itself; and hence it is that we meet with many whom we diffinguish by the appellation of abfint men. The mind, like the body, requires its recess from labour; and, like the parent earth, thrives best when its culture is varied. After a little relaxation from bufinefs, we return to the toil with redoubled vigour, and the prospect of recess encourage us to proceed in it cheerfully. Society is perhaps one of the greatest reliefs in diforders of the mind, fince it awakens it to cheerfulness, and difpels the anxious gloom that furrounds it; which, if indulged to excels, fixes fach a melacholy on the mind as frequently terminates in madness."

Certain I am, that the man who vifits different companies, and joins in the chat of the evening, can hever go mad; for the many whimfical objects, the abfurdity of opinions, and the folemn gravity and importance of confequential ignorance; all these united cannot fail of raising his risibility, and diverting his mine from the most gloomy resections.

Is it not laughable enough to hear the barber, the taylor or the blackfmith, pointing out the different plans which administration ought to have formed for the conquest of America; while others with an equal share of knowledge and experience, are warm in the support of the present system of politics? But the emissaries of government, who fcatter themselves over every part of the town, and who enter at every door that is open to receive them, afford us the most fingular diversion. They fail with the tide, and shift with the wind; they veer through every point of the compass; and when they find themselves foundering on the rock of conviction, they catch even at firaws to keep themfelves above water.

Though these are objects that may relieve the labouring mind for a moment, yet it is calm and reasonable fociety that must lull our fatigued thoughts to rest, divert them from one fixed channel of ideas, and at once improve and delight: but the difficulty of finding fuch company made the wife Romans exclaim, Requiem quafivi, et non inveni nisi in angulo cum libello! I know not whether disputes on religion and politics may not be confidered as the bane of fociety. For a perfect knowledge of thefe almost every man lays in his claim, though he perhaps knows very little of the matter. I mean not to wish, that these two topics of converfation should be totally excluded from fociety; but certain I am, that they are the frequent cause of much strife, noife, and contention, and generally

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know least of the subjects, In extensive mercantile cities, difinterested life was rather unlucky, as I was focieties are rarely to be met with, fince trade is the general topic, and interest the argument. They are generally divided into parties, and the cause of liberty or tyranny is equally defended, not with coolness and reason, but with warmth and violence. Every man almost is naturally fond of his own opinion, and few of us have candour enough to suppose we may be wrong, or generofity enough to acknowledge it even when we are convinced thereof.

If fociety is not to be found in are we to feek it? Shall we find it in the gloom of woods and forests, or be diverted from care by the melancholy falls of water, or the purlings of the meandering ffream?-We must look for it only in the company of a few felect and well chosen friends, whose dispositions resemble our own, and whose conversation, though general, is polite and refined -who have feen and studied men and things, and who know how properly to blend lively mirth with instructive seriousness—who sacrifice no absent character to private views, and who can with pleasure give the praifes that are due to superior merit, though they find it in the bosom of a itranger.

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Letter from Ignatius Sancho, a free Black in London, to the late Rev. Mr. Sterne.

[From Mr. STERNE's Letters, lately published by his daughter.]

From Ignatius Sancho to Mr. Sterne. Reverend Sir,

IT would be an infult on your humanity (or perhaps fomething like it), to apologize for the liberty I am taking-I am one of those peo-

generally most among those who ple whom the vulgar and illiberal call Negroes. The first part of my placed in a family who judged ignorance the best and only security for obedience. A little reading and writing I got by unwearied application. The latter part of my life has been, through God's bleffing, truly fortunate, having spent it in the service of one of the best and greatest families in the kingdom-my chief pleafure has been books-Philanthropy I adore-How very much, good Sir, am I (amongst millions) indebted to you for the character of your amiable Uncle Toby !- I delarge and extensive cities, where then , clare I would walk ten miles in the dog-days to shake hands with the honeit Corporal. Your fermons have touched me to the heart, and I hope have amended it, which brings me to the point-In your tenth difcourse, page 78, in the second vol. is this very affecting passage-" Confider how great a part of our species in all ages down to this-have been trod under the feet of cruel and capricious tyrants; who would neither hear their cries, nor pity their diftresses.-Confider flavery-what it is—how bitter a draught—and how many millions are made to drink of it."-Of all my favourite authors not one has drawn a tear in favour of my miferable black brethren-excepting yourfelf and the humane author of Sir George Ellison. I think you will forgive me; I am fure you will applaud me for befeeching you to give one half hour's attention to flavery, as it is at this day practifed in our West Indies .- That subject handled in your striking manner would eafe the yoke (perhaps) of many-but if only of one-Gracious God! what a feast to a benevolent heart! and fure I am, you are an Epicurean in acts of charity .- You who are univerfally read, and as univerfally admired-you could not fail.-Dear Sir, think in me you behold the up-

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lifted hands of thousands of my brother Moors. Grief (you pathetically observe) is eloquent: figure to yourself their attitudes; hear their supplicating addresse!—alas! you cannot refuse.—Humanity must comply—in which hope I beg permission to subscribe myself,

Reverend Sir, Yours, &c.

From Mr. Sterne, to Ignatius Sancho. Conwould, July 27, 1767.

THERE is a strange coincidence, Sancho, in the little events (as well as the great ones) of this world: for I had been writing a tender tale of the forrows of a friendless poor negrogirl, and my eyes had fcarce done imarting with it, when your letter of recommendation, in behalf of fo many of her brethren and fifters, came to me-but why ber brethren? or yours, Sancho, any more than mine? It is by the finest tints and most insensible gradations, that nasure descends from the fairest face about St. James's to the footiest complexion in Africa: - at which tint of these is it, that the ties of blood are to cease; and how many shades must we descend lower still in the scale, ere mercy is to vanish with them? But it is no uncommon thing, my good Sancho, for one half of the world to use the other half of it like brutes, and then endeavour to make 'em fo. -For my own part, I never look westward, (when I am in a pensive mood at least) but I think of the burthens which our brothers and fifters are there carrying, and could I eafe their shoulders from one ounce of them, I declare I would fet out this hour upon a pilgrimage to Mecca for their fakes-which by the bye, Sancho, exceeds your walk of ten miles in about the fame proportion, that a vifit of humanity should one of mere form. - However, if you mean my uncle Toby more he is your debtor.

—If I can weave the tale I have wrote into the work I am about—tis at the fervice of the afflicted—and a much greater matter; for in ferious truth, it casts a fad shade upon the world, that so great a part of it are, and have been so long bound in chains of darkness, and in chains of misery: and I cannot but both respect and felicitate you, that by so much laudable diligence you have broke the one, and that by falling into the hands of so good and merciful a family, Providence has rescued you from the other.

And so good-hearted Sanchoadieuf and believe me I will not forget your letter.

Yours. . L. STERNE.

NATURE and Use will discover themjelves through all disguises.

[From RICHARDSONIANA; or, Occafional Reflections on the Moral Nature of Man.]

CREAT atchievements and rich robes cover the man, but do not lose him, either to himself or his own natural qualities.

They are not always the most important, and the most useful services, that are the most acceptable, and the best rewarded; those which humour the little but intimate passions, which are indeed the man, are more grateful often than those which honour and aggrandize the king; for let a king be as much a king as he will, he is fill more a man. Befides, that these are accompanied with, and are encumbered by, no jealoufies either in point of glory or fafety. Those great and conspicuous actions shew fair and glaring on the great stage, the leffer commonly moves the ftrings behind the fcenes.

In like manner we are not to judge of the man by the most considerable actions; in these he is in his stage

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drefs, and confiders the world as observing every word and gesture; but they are the words and actions he thinks none see or hear; and when he is gone behind the scene; and for the same reason they are no more the most important people who are the judges of the man, but his servants, and those who note him when he supposes none observe, and therefore is quite off his guard.

Who fee when he is feen least wife.

Milton, P. L. VIII. 578.

Thefe, if they have skill and observation, fee the greatest personages and those whom the world most considers. undreffed, and ' making ducks and drakes.' Hor. S. II. 1. 71. Rochefoucault fays, fomewhere, that a great man has nobody to fear fo much, for his character, as his valetde-chambre.' The more he winds himself up, and strains the chords for the public, the more he lets himfelf down; as I have been affured that ' Prior, after having fpent the evening with Oxford, Bolingbroke, Pope, and Swift, would go and fmoke a pipe, and drink a bottle of ale, with a common foldier and his wife in Long-Acre, before he went to bed;' not from any remains of the lowness of his original, as one faid; but, I suppose, that his faculties

—Strain'd to the height In that celestial colloquy sublime, Dazzled and spent, sunk down and

fought repair,

Milton, P. L. VIII. 454.

for men cannot hold always on the fretch; and I have heard that "Turenne, after his great fatigues and hurry of spirits in those vast affairs he had the conduct of, would settle himself to rest, by the interposition of the trisling and empty amusement of a filly novel, before he got into bed, or else he could not sleep."

"I have often heard my father Scævola tell, (fays the Orator Craffus in Cicero) that his father-in-law Lælius ufed commonly to go into the country with Scipio; and that these great men would become as it were children again in those recesses to which they had made their escape from the city as from a prison. I dare not say it of such men, but yet Scævola affirmed, that they would ramble on the Baian shore, and gathering slates and oyster-shells would unbend in plays that credulity itself would hardly believe." Ciccro de Orat. II.

I have heard the like of Oliver Cromwell, who, when protector of the commonwealth of England, would play at romps with his guefts, and, that in the fallies of their bodily wir, they would sling cushions and carpets

at one another.

Other people's virtues or accomplishments may make us admire and even esteem and honour them; but our good-will and affection will be more likely obtained by some weak action or missortune of such.

When a great man, who bath been long envied, and thence hated, tho admired, happens to fuffer some fevere affliction, it at once reconciles his very enemies, by moving their compassion, which is a fort of respectful contempt. " Pericles, whose greatness the Athenians hated, only because it put in evidence the littleness of every one of them, though it was all applied to their benefit, became their darling on the death of his last fon: at whose funeral he lost all his former superiority of soul, and appeared to them with the fame weakness and passions as themselves." Plutarch, Pericles.

Our mutual wants and misfortunes, to which all conditions are liable, keep us in humour pretty tolerably one with another.

Nin mutuo effemus miferi, olim aliis alii potuiffemus effe fastidio. 2. Curt. v. 5. 12.

Thoughts on our MORAL FEELINGS. UR Sentiments, or moral feelings, are, as it were, the Ideas of the beart; our tastes and inclinations being the affemblages or combinations of those feelings, in the same manner as our opinions, and the propositions expressive of them, are of the several

ideas of the head

The process of reasoning or argument forms a chain of propolitions, the connection and dependence of which lead the understanding to those conclusions which the force of evidence obliges it necessarily to adopt. In the fame manner, the passions form a regular train of inclinations, whose united force prevails over the will, and necessarily determines it to defire this or that mode of gratification. Hence, by a philosophical investigation of our moral fenfations, we may form a kind of fentimental fystem; and, by tracing the passions to their fource, and observing their mutual dependencies and connections, may fo regulate their operation, as to make them productive of our happiness, in fubjecting them to the rules of right reason, and directing them to the benevolent purposes of humanity.

Some of the fair fex pique themfelve on their knowledge in the fciences, and abstrufe parts of philofophy; but female understandings thould be embellished only with the qualities of the heart; and therefore the ladies should confine themselves entirely to the cultivation of the study of fuch qualities .- Formed by Nature, and intended by Providence to furnish the state with subjects, and to educate them in their earliest infancy, when it is necessary to fow and cultivate in their tender breasts the feeds of virtue, they should regard all other studies as improper that tend to take off their minds from this important object. This is the philosophy of their province, which will teach them to substitute a rational and cordial affection, in the place of a blind

mpetuous instinct.

A simple idea is the image of a being, mode, or fubstance present to the mind; whereas our fentiments, or feelings, are, properly speaking, the emotions of the will to embrace or reject any object, according as the impression it makes on us, is agreeable

or disagreeable.

Our feelings, like our ideas, are fimple, complex, and abstracted; fingular, particular, and univerfal, Thus, an emotion of regard occasion. ed by the appearance of a beautiful object, if it arise only from its form, is a fimple fensation; if a love for fuch an object not only arises from the gracefulness of person, but also from a fense of the good qualities of the heart, and the accomplishments of the understanding, it is complex, A regard for no particular object, but for a lovely form, or beauty in general, is an abstract sensation.

There is Cydalife: fhe admires fome of those gentlemen who are polite enough to allow her more beauty than her looking-glass does: if the has a passion for one only it is singular; for two, three, or more, it is particular; but if the only pleafes herfelf with the conversation of men

in general, it is univerfal.

A simple emotion of regard is not, at first, a fixed passion; as a point is not a line; but as the latter is only a continuity of points, fo a train of tender fenfations forms a determined inclination. The emotions may retain their simplicity in this cafe, from the first to the last of the growing passions. They may, also, on the other hand, become very complex and compounded, through a mixture of jealoufy, fear, vanity, &c .- An assemblage of moral sensations, without order, or connection, forms what we usually call humour or caprice, to which your pretty fellows, and handfome women are, the most subject; their hearts being as ill-formed as their heads; the emotions of the one, and the vagaries of the other, are equally whimfical and ridiculous.

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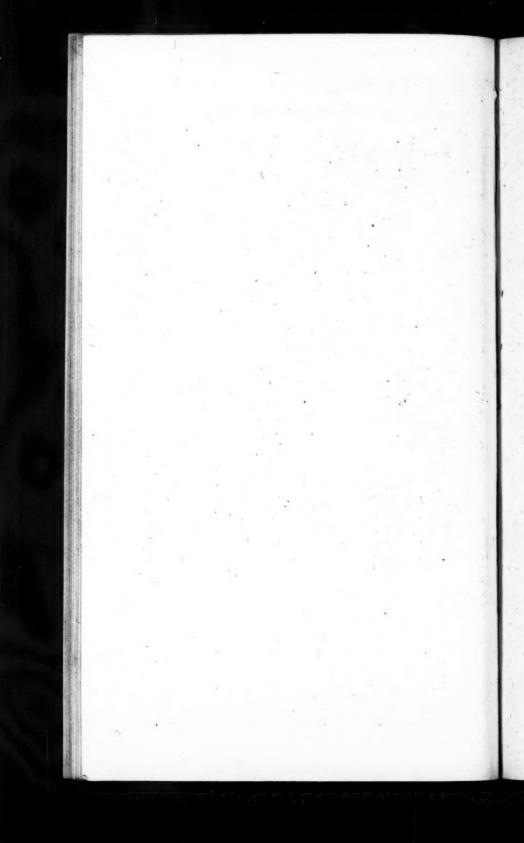
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Political Character of COLONEL BARRE.

HE rank here affigned to this gentleman, as a parliamentry fpeaker, fecond on the opposition lift in the house of commons, may probably be controverted by the majority of our readers; but we repeat this apology, that we wish to be impartial; that unconnected with faction or even party, whether in or out of administration, we feel no predilection for any man or knot of men whatfoever, but what their public virtue or abilities entitle them to; and farther, that we find very powerful objections to the pretentions of the only two competitors (Mr Dunning and Mr. Fox), who could have possibly stood in the way of the precedence here

given.

Colonel Barre's first appearance within that circle which is the prefent object of delineation, was under the auspices of Lord Chatham in 1766, when, as the noble earl expressed himfelf on a subsequent occasion, he found himfelf over ruled by a fecret influence, fuggested, nourished, and supported by fecret treachery, official power, and public councils, by which he learned, when it was too late, "that there was Something within the Court greater than the King himfelf." He continued, under this administration, one of the Vice Treafurers of Ireland, till the difinision of his noble friend, Lord Shelburne, from office, whose political fortunes he has shared since his first appearance as a public man; and till that period fo justly described by the noble Earl first mentioned, when " there was not two planks of the state vessel left together, which had been originally launched." He has, with hardly an exception, continued uniformly in opposition ever fince: but as we fet out with declarations of impartiality and unconnection, it is become a part of our duty to mark the least devia-[Month, Mij.]

tion in the Colonel, from this stated line of conduct.

The resolutions in the Committee of the whole House, in the beginning of the spring session, 1774, having we fear fatally spawned that celebrated law called the Boston Port Bill, as the first-born of those measures which' have produced the present civil war in America, it met with the Colonel's fupport, contrary to every anterior and fublequent opinion of his in parliament. I his was matter of furprife at the time, and there were forme who did not hefitate to impute fo fudden and unexpected an alteration of fentiment to motives which have fince governed feveral others, who then stood high in the estimation of the Public, but who have fince flatly belyed all their former professions, or at least have learned to be perfuaded that they were mistaken or missed. The observation here made was not barely confined to the fufpicions or murmurs of the people without doors; it has frequently been objested to him by feveral of the members of administration in debate, when he has arraigned, in the most unqualified terms, the measures of goverment, and charged their authors with ignorance, temerity, and injustice. We heard them more than once retaliate on him, in nearly the following words: " The Boston Port Bill, no matter whether a wife, an expedient, or an equitable meafure, drew the nation into this war. Why did you support it so warmly, with all those powers of oratory and ratiocination, which you fo eminently posses? Every thing which has fince followed grew out of that measure. If it was a wife measure, why not continue to support it? If a bad one, why for a minute lend it your countenance? " The Colonel's anfwer can only be properly decided upon by the monitor refiding in his own breaft. He has repeatly faid on Ece

those occasions, " that the Minister gave him and his friends, both within and out of parliament, the most full and specific assurance if the bill were permitted to pass both Houses, with an appearance of firmness and unanimity, the East India Company would receive reparation for the tea which had been destroyed the preceding autumn; that this would produce measures of lenity and conciliation on this fide of the water; that goverment meant to relax on certain material points; and that every dispute subsisting between Great Britain and her Colonies would terminate in the most amicable manner; equally for the advantage and honour of both countries. But when this point was gained, administration feeling themfelves itronger than they expected, they proceeded to hostilities on the constitutional rights of the Colonies, by following the Boston Port Bill with the Massachusets Bay Charter Bill, and that for the removal of offenders in America for trial to another colony, or home to Great Britain." have stated the charge and the defence, and very chearfully commit the whole to the judgment of our intelligent readers, to decide upon what from us can deferve no public opinion.

From the months of April and May, 1774, the history of this gentleman's political character may be contained in a nut-shell. He has from that period to the present held up the highest tone of opposition; and has frequently made the Minister uneasy on his seat; filling at the same time the whole Treasury-bench with terror

and difmay.

Colonel Barre's oratory is manly, nervous, and convincing, and fuch as may be supposed to have actuated the breast, and have fallen from the mouth of a Grecian or Roman General, when the Lagislator, Archon, or Conful, were able to carry into execution those plans and operations of

war which they proposed to support in the Senate or their Assemblies. He is generally well informed, particularly in the way of his profession, and never fails to deliver his fentiments in open, bold terms, feemingly without any predilection for his friends or his opponents, from the former of whom he frequently differs. His matter is not various, but generally selected and well chosen. never speaks on any subject of which he is not well informed, and ufualy deals in truth too clear to be controverted, and too fevere to be palliated or defended. The minister of War, as well as the minister of the finances, frequently feel the weight of those truths, and the energy of expression with which they are accompanied and inforced; and that in a manner too pungent and mortifying to be ever forgotten, or forgiven. He is well acquainted with the whole detail of the military establishment, with the arrangements dependent on it, and with proper ordering of the troops, whether directed to operations of war, or in times of domestic tranquillity. In short, as he is one of the most pointed forcible speakers in the House, though perhaps far from being the gratest crator; if we were to hazard a conjecture on mere appearance, we are inclined to think that administration would esteem him the most valuable acquisition they could at prefent obtain; and that he is the individual in the House of Commons, on the fide of opposition (Meffrs. Burke, Dunning, or Fox not excepted) in the present state of things, whose defection would deferve most to be regretted.

On the other hand, Colonel Barre, though a man of letters, does not possess the extensive funds of knowledge for which some of his partizains are so em nently diffinguished. The early part of his days were passed in campa, and learning the rudiments of his profession, not in Courts of

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Senates. His oratory has few of those graces which recommend even He feldom directs his locution fo as to gain the avenues to the heart; and when he makes the attempt, he always miffes his way; he neverstudied the graces; or if he did, he made as unfuccefsful a progrefs as Phil. Stanhope. He speaks like a foldier, thinks like a politician, and delivers his fentiments like a man. On the whole, he may and ought to profit from the fneers of his antagonifts. They call him the Story-Teller, and with great justice; for whether it be the falvation of a great empire, or a fkirmish with a few wild Indians, the Colonel is never at a lofs for a story in point, in which he himself had the fortune to be one of the Dramatis Personæ.

We will close this rude sketch, with affirming, that we have heard him interlard some of his most pointed speeches on the most important occasion, with anecdotes that would difgrace a school-boy at the Christmas recess; or a narrative old woman, when she takes it into her head to be most narrative, uninteresting, and

loquacious.

The Motive alone is the true measure of Virtue.

Busbequius, in his return into Germany from his Turkish embally, was received out of the gates of Buda, from the bashaw, by an odd cavalcade of young Turks, with their heads shaved, and the flesh new cut in a line to to the fcull, into which were stuck a great number of quills of various colour'd feathers, whilft they, all running down with blood, came gaily prancing on, appearing quite unconcerned, to receive him. There were others on toot, one of whom walked gravely, with his arms naked, and a-kimbo,

like two handles, in the fleshy parts of which, above the elbow, were fluck, through and through, two great butcher's knives. Another naked from the navel upwards, came on, with his skin gashed above and below the loins and a thong inferted, by which hung a club as from a girdle. A third had a horse-shoe fastened to the top of his fcull, with many nails, This had been done long before, the the horse-nails being so overgrown and united with the flesh, that the whole was as if it had grown there.

What will not the defire of praise induce men to do? No matter how ridiculous and abfurd the subject! or rather this will push it to more violent effects, because the more wrongheaded, the more positive and enthufialtic. It is twenty to one if thefe fellows were not the verieft scoundrels in the world; because those that could value themselves on a quality that had no true merit in it, nor connection with it, and that with fuch fallies of excess, would most probably be negligent in proportion, and untouched with what is real and worthy: as the Banians who are compaffion-mad to animals, but u terly insensible to the sufferings of men.

Agefilaus feeing a malefactor endure the greatest forments with prodigious constancy, cried out with indignation, "What an audacious villain is this, that dares employ pan tience, courage, and magnanimity in fuch an impious and dishonest

But what would not fuch extraordinary qualities, fuch Aubborn courage and constancy be capable of, if they had a right bias given them? as rank ground, that is clogged and perplexed with thorns and thiftles, would be proportionably rich and excellent. with careful and judicious culture.

In like manner, the dread of blame, which in itself is a noble and useful principle, is, in respect of us, full

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as it is turned and directed; and as it will deter men from doing ill actions, it will equally deter them from executing the most reasonable and praiseworthy, if it is ever over-ruled by a certain false modesty and want of constancy, that turns afide its regular and steady current, Therefore the most part of mankind are perpetually doing what themselves disapprove, or kept from doing what they judge to be right, for fear of the opifilons and tongues of those whom they neither love nor esteem. they do effeem and honour them, they are fill the more embarraffed.

You defire to know if I have feen an indian wife burn with her husband; in answer to which, I say not: I never could prevail with myfelf to fee fuch a figut, or I might have feen some twenties since I came. The flory is too true to make a jest on, and but about fix days fince, a fervient of my own who died, his wife burned with him. They are not al lowed to do it within our bounds, or we should never be free from one or other. This is among the Gentoos, the ancient mafters of the country, hefore the Moors took it from them. The Moors all bury, and the Gentoos all burn their dead; but it is not every call whose wives burn with them, but those who do, are greatly revered by the rest. It is very frequent to fee a pretty young creature of fifteen or fixteen jump voluntarily into the pile of an old ill-natured hufband; and few hours are allowed, or one would think they must be intoxicated; but the man who dies in the morning must burn before night; fometimes they have not two hours allowed; but it is all priest-crast; and the woman whose cast it is to burn with her husband, cannot live but as an out-law; the is not fuffered to wash, or to eat the same meat as the rest, nor allowed any one to dress her rice for her, besides lives m perpetual shame among her kin.

Some years ago, one of our chiefs at Vizagapatam, took a young creature by force from the fire; when he touched her she could not burn, but was held unworthy of it. He carried her home to the fort, and had feveral children by her, from whence has fprung a numerous issue; half the families in Madrass and this place have fprung from her; governor Benyon's first and second wife were great grandchildren from this Genteo girl. Not three months fince lady Ruffel, whose husband is chief of Costimbuzar, in going up thither, faw a beautiful young creature washis ing in the river, in order to burn with the dead body of her husband, who was laid upon the banks. My lady went out of the boat to talk to her, and faid she would carry her home and maintain her. She could eafily have carried her off, as the had with her feveral gentlemen, and twenty foldiers; but the girl rejected her offer with all the fcorn and refentment imaginable, and, before their faces, herfelf fet fire to the pile the was laid on, clasping the dead body in her arms. I could give you fitty instances of the like nature, but these will fusfice; not that I would trust this account with any one who I believed had not fo good an opinion of my veracity, as I might pass for one of those tashionable tatlers of the prefent age, fo addicted to falshood; or, as travellers have gone far for their accounts, have a large latitude given them.

may fee hundreds with a large flesh-hook run through their backs, and fainging by it wast height in the air for some minutes; others with a spit run through their tongue; some ate stuck full of needles; as many more fling themselves from stages, beilt for the purpose, a great height from the ground, upon naked swords and plow-shares; others you see with their hands grown close shut up, and

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the nails made their way through to the back; and fome with their two arms bolt upright above their head, and grown to that posture; with an hundred others too tedious to name: And these are all among a set of Religious, who are kept by the public, and are perhaps in themselves a set of the greatest villains in the world, and commit all kinds of outrages, for which none dare punish them." Mrs. Williamson's letter to Mrs. Sheppard, from Calcutta, January 25, 1742-3.

ary 25, 1742-3. Extract of a letter from Mr. Matthew Collet, dated at Coffinbuzar, Nov.

25, 1744. I must now relate to you an affair I was an eye-witness of, which was the burning of a woman with her husband's corpfe. Close by the river fide was erected a little hut, composed of dry wood and combustible stuff, which was left open only to the river, yet the fides were not fo close but one might see through them very well; myself and two or three gentlemen stood to the windward of the hut, so that we could see very plain into it, as the wind fent the fire and fmoke from us. The woman, after washing in the river, and feveral superstitious ceremonies, took a lighted torch in each hand, and then asking her friends very calmly, (while they were bathed in tears) if they had any tokens for their relations in the next world, went into the hut, feated herfelf by her hufband's corpse, and then set sire to the hut herself, which was presently in a blaze. I fav her all the time till the was dead; the fat upright, with her back against some of the stakes which composed the hut, and never once foreamed or stirred a limb, but fat till the stakes she leaned her body against broke down, by which time the was dead. After the thing was over, it appeared like a dream to me, I could scarce believe what I had but a minute before been an eye-witness

of. I am furprized the never once thrunk when the devouring flames were round her, or cried Oh! but you may be affured the thing is fact.'

To the Editor of the Monthly Miscellany.

ASSING through Bartholomew Fair, which is now reduced to little more than a gingerbread fair, an odd group presented itself to my view, which I have delineated upon paper as well as I am able, and hope you will favour me with an engraving from it in your next Miscellany. That curious modern structure, the Market Bell, you may perceive, has not escaped my observation. I believe I am not fingular in my opinion, when I declare it to be the most paltry, uncouth and inelegant public erection, that ever has difgraced the city of London. I would recommend to the committee for that department, to pull down this miferable, gibbet-like edifice, and erect in its flead a place for the bell. fomewhat fimilar to that in Fleet Market; especially as the city Treafury is in good plight; and the addition of fifty or an hundred pounds could not possibly be missed out of the Chamber of London.

> 1 am, Sir, Your most obedient, T. H. A Bullock Salesman.

ANECDOTE of Lord CHESTER-

SIR Timothy Tallboy being at a private audience with lord Chefterfield, some months before his death, the former, by way of complimenting his lordship on the regularity of his life, told him he would die by inches, "Do you really think so," says his lordship? "Indeed, I do, my lord, says Sir Thomas, "Why then," replies the other, measuring the full length of the knight with his eye, "my great comfort is that I am not as tall as you are."

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The Copy of an original Letter, written by the late Earl of Rochester to Dr. 1. Pierce, President of Magdalen College, and afterwards Dean of Sarum, a little before bis death.

MY indisposition renders my in-tellectuals almost as feeble as my person; but, considering the candour and extreme charity your natural mildness hath always shewn me, I am affured at once both of a favourable construction of my prefent lines, which can but faintly express the forrowful character of an humble and afflicted mind, and also these great comforts your inexhaustible goodness, learning and piety plenteonfly afford to the drooping spirits of poor sinners; so that I may truly fav, Holy man, to you I owe what confolation I enjoy, in urging God's mercies against despair, and holding me up under the weight of tho'e high and mountainous fins my wicked and ungovernable life has heaped upon me.—If God should be pleafed to spare me a little longer here, I have unalterably refolved to be a new man, to wash out the stain of my lewd courfes with my tears, and to weep over the profane and unhallowed abominations of my former doings, that the world may fee how I loath fin, and abhor the very remembrance of those tainted and unclean joys I once delighted in; thefe being, as the apostle tells us, the things whereof I am now ashamed: Or, if it be his great pleasure now to put a period to my days, that he will accept of my last gasp, that the smoke of my death-bed offering may not be unfavoury to his nostrils, and he drive me like Cain from before his prefence. Pray for me, dear Doctor, and all you that forget not God. Pray for me fervently, take heaven by force, and let me enter with you in difguife; for I dare not appear before the dear Majerty of that Holy

One I have fo often offended. Warn all my friends and companions to a true and fincere repentance to day, before the evil day come, and they be no more. Let them know that fin is like the angel's book in the Revelation-it is fweet in the mouth, but bitter in the belly. Let them know that God will not be mocked, that he is a holy God, and will be ferved in holiness and purity, that he requires the whole man and the early man.bid them make hafte, for the night cometh when no man can work,-Oh! that they were wife, that they would confider this, and not with me, with wretched me, delay until their latter end! Pray, dear Sir, continually pray,

> For your poor friend, ROCHESTER.

Ranger's Lodge, in Woodflock Park, July, 1600.

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Of Lord TOWNSHEND.

ORD Harcourt, the present Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, arriving late in the evening in Dublin harbour, and meeting no fit accommodation for him and his fuite at his landing place, fet off, after refreshing themselves, for the Castle, where they did not arrive till midnight. Lord Townshend, who only staid in Ireland to receive him, was, at this period, with half a dozen convivial friends, over a bottle, which Lord Harcourt being informed of, without any ceremony walked up stairs. His fudden appearance threw the whole company into fome little contunion, except Lord Townshend, who, after congratulating him on his fare arrival, bid him fit down and do as he did; observing, at the same time, "that though he did come at the twelfth bour, he had not found him napping."

Account of a little Piece, ealled NEW BROOMS! performed at the opening of Drury-Lane Theatre.

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THE business of this prelude is thus discovered-The curtain rifes, and discovers the front of Drury-lane theatre, with a crowd of sperious haftening to fee the play. Among others, Mrs. Dripping, her husband, and child, from Candlewick ward: the lady, like the rest of her rank, is in a pucker for fear they should be disappointed of the first row of the two-shilling gallery, and therefore, as foon as the has fettled the diforder of the young lady's frock and hair, hurries into the theatre. They are fucceeded by an honest tar and his doxy. The failor tells Moll that they are now along-fide the Royal Drury; that the ship has lost her old gallant commander Little Davy; that the post of captain is divided among a number of new officers, and that the veffel may be compared to an egg, of which the old captain has got the meat, and left his successors to put to fea in the egg-sheli; the failor wishes the new crew fair wind and weather, but professes his partiality for the old commander, and goes off, roaring out, "Davy for ever! Davy for ever!" To this couple succeed Farmer Furrow and his spouse. The good woman asks her husband, if they shall fee their old acquaintances among the actors, the young gentleman who in the fummer played Ham. let in the barn at the end of their town, and the lady who figured away in Ophelia. The farmer, in reply, tells her, that a player's confequence depends much on time and place, and that when there is an r in the month, those mouths are almost entirely shur, both in the theatre and the senate, which have, during the course of the summer, made a noise in country barns, inns, and alchouses, after a theatrical concert.

and at a county meeting; that, in all probability, they'd now fee their old friend Romeo muff the candles, Juliet fweep the tage, and Alexander shift the scenes. As soon as Mrs. Furrow is fatisfied as to her questions, Catcall seeing Phelim about to enter the theatre, calls him, and joins in a convertation, in which Phelim declares his intention of commencing actor, observing, that 'there's room for Janius, now Roseius has quitted the scene; but, that before, the little great man filled the stage fo entirely, that, faith, there was hardly room for any other actor, Catcall objects to his brogue and his age. Phelim replies, 'Arrah don't you know that there's nobody spakes better English than an Irishman, except indeed it be a Scotchman; and then as to age, don't we daily fee the old actors play all the new parts."-Catcall represents the impediments to his fuccess likely to arise from the late revolution in stage affairs; laments that Nature and Roscius are gone together, and fears that now we shall have nothing but music and dance, pageantry and pantomime. Phelim, like a true Irishman, slicks to his defign, and reads a few lines from Shakespeare's Richard the Second, and flatters himself he shall thew the town the difference, now Rofcius is away. Catcall feeing his friend obstinate, informs him of his own importance, derived from holding a critical pen; points out to him fome of his abilities as a theatrical observer, promises him his assistance both before and behind the curtain. and retires with Phelim, in order to introduce him to his friend Mr. Crotchet, the new manager.

The fcene now changes to an apartment, in which Crotchet is discovered at his piano torte, with Mifs Quaver, practing a fong, intended for his new opera. As foon as the young lady has fung her air, Phelim and Catcall enter, and the latterimforms

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Crotchet of his friend's intention. The mufical Bayes fmiles at the Irishman's design, and tells him that plays and playing are now no more. that music alone will fuit the taste of the present age; as a proof of this he instances the immense sums gained last feafon at one of our theatres. merely by the two old airs " The Higland Laddie and Gramochree Molly," and asks the Irishman if he can fing, as in that case he'd write him a character in his new Opera. Phelim laughs heartily at the thought of an Irishman in an Opera; but as a specimen of his vocal abilities, roars out a Teague's fong. Crotchet then descants on the pleasing effect of fpeaking in recitative, and the agreeable circumstance of warbling out the most trifling occurrence in an air; tells Catcall he has the finest unnatural idea for an Opera that can possibly be conceived; and after some prefatory conversation, informs him that his new Opera is to be called Toply Turny, and is to be the very reverse of nature; the women characters to be predominant, and the men all effeminacy and fubmission. The arrival of Sir Dulcimer Dunder is now announced; Crotchet informs Catcall that Sir Dulcimer, though deaf as a post, is a great admirer of music; the Irishman says, " A deaf man a judge of music! by my foul it is a pity he is not blind, for then he might be a connoisseur in pictures! Sir Dulcimer enters, and after pulling out a tin ear-pipe, has fome laughable convertation with Phelim on his defective sense; upon his declaring that, though he is totally deaf to common noises, be they ever so violent, yet he hears most dithinetly the fmallest note in music, Phelim advises him always to fit with a barrel of music before him, to lodge in an organ loft, and fleep in a bass viol."

Sir Dulcimer asks if Miss Quaver is perfect in the air of his composi-

tion. Crotchet replies in the affirmative, and defires the lady to fing She objects, on account of the horridness of the tune, but says the words will do well enough to another, and as Sir Dulcimer is quite deaf, the will fing it to that. Sir Dulcimer appears to be in raptures while the is finging, and defires them to play fome parts more farte and fome more piano. One of the music tells him it was not his tune. This is obliged to be twice roared out to him, before he can comprehend it: when he does understand what is faid, he dies into a violent passion, and leaves the room. A conversation ensues upon the ne ceffity of dance and fong, when Sprightly replies, that fong and dance will fometimes make part of the entertainment, but that the theatre will ever be regulated by good fense; taite, and the approbation of the

As a proof of the managers inclination to encourage young authors, Sprightly declares they have already received a comedy of his writing, and that he has prepared a prologue for the opening of the Theatre, which he'll then ipeak, if they'll be kind enough to suppose the audience present.

The Prelude closes with the Prologue, which is not only exceedingly laughable, but peculiarly apposite to the occasion.—After some sew complimentary remarks on the secosion of Roscius, the Theatre is compared to a stage coach, driven by a new coachman, who has purchasted the machine, and promises every possible accommodation to his customers, although he laments, that like his other brethren of the road, he can't ensure their watches and their purses.

The words of one of the airs is an alteration from Sir John Suckling. The music of another is the composition of Mr. Linly, and does that master great

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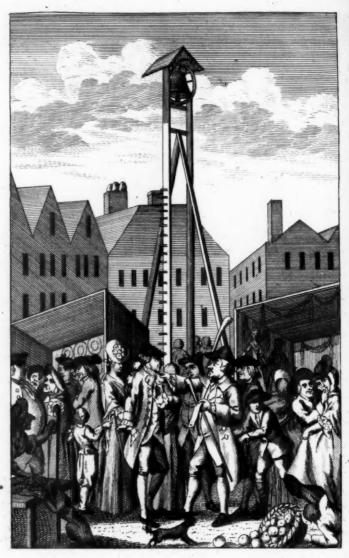
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A Sketch in Bartholomen Fair.

A short description of Carlisle Castle.

(with a Copper-plate annexed.)
ARLISLE Caffle, an engraved View of which is annexed, if not founded by the Romans, is very probably as ancient as the year 686, when king Egfrid rebuilt the city. But it is as probable that it was again destroyed, with the greatest part of the city, by the Danes and Norwegians, and laid in ruins for two hundred years. For king William Rufus is said to have repaired the Castle, as well as the walls and houses of this city, in his return from the Scotch wars. The annotator upon Camden fays, it is certain the Castle was built by king William Rufus; which might indeed properly enough be faid, confidering the ruinous state wherein it was before. Mr. Camden himself infers from the arms, that it was built by King Richard III. but it is more probable that he did (if he did any thing) only repair it, as might also queen Elizabeth, whose arms are put up in another part. It is now ade use of as a mansion house for the Povernor of the Caltle for the time being.

Short Account of the Reign of Henry the Eighth.

TENRY VIII. king of England, was born June 28, 1491, and fucceeded his father, Henry VII. in 1509. He joined the emperor Maximilian against the French, and defeated them at the battle of the Spurs, in 1513, and took Terouane and Tournay. At his return to England, he marched against the Scots, and deteated them at Flodden Field, in which James IV. king of Scotland was flain. In 1514, Henry VI:1. concluded a peace with Lewis XII. and gave him his fitter in marriage. He wrote against Luther, on which account pope Leo X. gave him the title of Defender of the Faith. A war breaking out between the emperor Charles V. and the French [Month Mif.]

king Francis I. Henry at first took the part of the emperor, but afterwards, at the folicitation of Cardinal Wolfey, contracted a strict friendthip with Francis, and in 1528, laboured to procure the deliverance of pope Clement VII. By the affift. ance of Wolfey, he, in 1533, divorced Catharine of Arragon, and married Anne Bullen, on which he was excommunicated by the pope. Henry enraged at this excommunication, abolished the papal authority in England; refused to pay to the see of Rome his annual tribute, ordered the diffolution of monasteries, and obliged the clergy to acknowledge him head of the church, and those who refused were either banished or put to death; among these last were the learned Sir Thomas Moore, lord chancellor of England, and Bishop Fisher; the reformation thus begun in this kingdom, was completed under the reign of Elizabeth. Some time after being charmed with the beauty of Jane Seymour, he caused Anne Bullen to be beheaded; but Jane dying in childbed of Prince Edward, he married Aime of Cleves, whom he afterwards divorced. He then married Catherine Howard, the duke of Norfolk's daughter, whom he caused to be beheaded, under the pretence that he had not found her a virgin; but his real motive was that of having conceived a violent pattion for Catherine Parr, a young widow of great beauty. A war breaking out between him and the Scots, who were affifted by the French, Henry, in 1545, took Boulogne from the French, and burned Leith and Edinburgh. He erected fix new bishopricks, viz. Westminster, Oxford, Peterborough, Bristol, Chester, and Gloucester, all which, except Westminster, are still episcopal fees; he united Wales to England; and died in 154-, aged 57, after a reign of 38 years, and was fucceeded by his fon Edward VI. Fff THE

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LADY BARRYMORE.

CInce Male and Female envy feem to have thot all their pointlefs darts at the ween of fashion now before us, let us take a candid view of this fair phænomenon, and judge for ourselves, whether she is most deferving our censure or our praise.

Descended from the house of Harrington, vivacity, and perfonal accomplishments we should expect her to inherit; -the former, her own. good understanding foon polished into refined wit, corresponding with those peculiar beauties which nature had lavished on her face and figure. Early in life, it was her fate to espouse the earl of Barrymore, her now deceased lord; a match in which affection was, on both fides, the ruling object .- Doom'd, however, foon after to be the witness of his fashionable excesses, it is no wonder if, with her gaite de cœur, she for some time partook of them without reflection, and was thus betrayed into levities, which, tho' innocent in themselves, could not fail to provoke the envenom'd tongue of flander .- But her understanding encreasing with her years, she foon faw and lamented the folly of a conduct, which now threatened them with inevitable ruin :- She remonstrated upon her Lord's imprudencies with all that delicacy of addrefs, which she knew was due to the man of her heart, but had the miffortune to find every remonstrance in vain .- His lordship's decease, however, though it exceedingly affected her, rescued her soon after from the calamities that had long threatened them, leaving her a young and beautiful widow with three children, and a jointure of 4000l. a year.

From this moment, let the world look freely on her conduct-nay, let the bufy eye of centure examine it

with her microscopic inspection, and discover if she is able, a single trait that can difgrace the female, or the woman of fashion .- In the tender office of mother, point out you that are able, the female in any class of lite by whom the is excelled. If paying an unwearied attention to the education of her beauteous offspring, " In teaching the young idea how to shoot:"-if this bespeak the affectionate parent, behold her here!-Though charity feems expelled from the catalogue of modern virtues, it cannot difgrace her ladyship, in the minds of fome, to be known, that she pities and relieves distress in every fituation in her power, and is never fo truly happy herfelf, as when the dispenses happiness to the indigent and necessitous round her.

Left in the very fpring of all her personal charms, with a fortune that is deemed by the spendthrifts of the age, no unpleasing appendage-is it a wonder that fuch a flower should daily be furrounded by the fluttering tribe of the ton, who by every art and ftratagem endeavour to possess themfelves of her perfon and fortune? Hitherto, however, her prudence has rejected all their matrimonial folicitations. -Interested lovers are often transformed by a repulse into the most inveterate enemies; and therefore we are not furprized to find, confidering the depravity of the times, that these discarded wretches have been wanton enough to give hints of favours which they only dreamt of, basely to gratify a despicable vanity, at the expence of an innocent and amiable female character .-

The generous and fenfible part of the female fex, I am convinced, will rather make the fweetness of this lady's mind and manners the object of their emitation, than invidiously decry the divine model of beauty and prefection, because it is found in the person of-Lady Barrymore.

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ADDITIONS to the WORKS of ALEXANDER POPE; together with many original Poems and Letters of cotemporary Writers never before published.

ANY of the letters and poems, of which this publication confifts, (ia) a the Editor) were transcribed with accuracy from the originals in the collections of the late Lords Oxford and Bolingbroke, who are well known to have lived in the stricted intimacy with Mr. Pope, as well as his literary friends and associates. Some of the letters were taken from pamphlets printed several years ago, which in the detached manner they had then appeared, justify their present mode of publication. The following pieces are selected from these Additions:

LETTER by Mr. POPE. TOR LADY.

Madam, Twitenham, Oct. 28.

WE are indebted to Heaven for all things, and above all for our fense and genius (in whatever degree we have it); but to fancy yourfelf indebted to any thing elfe, moves my anger at your modesty. The regard I must bear you, seriously proceeds from myfelf alone; and I will not fuffer even one I like so much as Mrs. H. to have a share in causing it. I challenge a kind of relation to you on the foul's fide, which I take to be better than either on a father's or mother's ; and if you can overlook an ugly body (that stands much in the way of friendship, when it is between different fexes) I shall hope to find you a true and constant kinswoman in Apollo. Not that I would place all my pretentions upon that poetical foot, much less confine them to it; I am far more defirous to be admitted as yours, on the more meritorious title of friendship. I have ever believed this as a facred maxim, that the most ingenious natures were the most fincere; and the most knowing and sensible minds made the best friends. Of all those that I have thought it the felicity of my life to know, I have ever found the most distinguished in capacity, the most distinguished in morality : and those the most to be depended on, whom one esteemed so much as to defire they should be so. I beg you to make me no more compliments. I could make you a great many, but I know you neither need them, nor can like them: be fo good as to think I do not. In one word your writings are very good, and very entertaining; but not fo good, nor fo entertaining, as your life and conversation. One is but the effect and emanation of the other, it will always

be a greater pleasure to me to know you are well, than that you write well, though every time you tell me the one, I must know the other. I am willing to spare your modesty; and therefore, as to your writing, may perhaps never say more (directly to yourself) than the few verses I send here; which (as a proof of my own modesty too) I made so long ago as the day you sate for your picture, and yet never till now durst consess to you.

Tho' fprightly Sappho force our love and praife,
A fofter wonder my pleas'd foul furveys,
The mild Erinna, blushing in her bays.
So while the fun's broad beam yet strikes the fight,

All mild appears the moon's more fober light,

Serene, in virgin majesty, she shines; And, unobserv'd the glaring sun declines.

The brightest wit in the world, without the better qualities of the heart, must meet with this fate; and tends only to endear such a character as I take yours to be. In the better discovery, and fuller conviction of which, I have a strong opinion I shall grow more and more happy, the longer I live your acquaintance, and (if you will indulge me in so much pleasure) your faithful friend and most abliged servant,

A. POPE.

Sir Charles Hambury to Sir Hans Sloame, who faved his Life, aed defired him to fend over all the Rarities he could find in his Travels.

SINCE you, dear Doctor, fav'd my life, To bless by turns, and plague my wife, In conscience I'm oblig'd to do Whatever is enjoined by you. According then to your command, That I should sharch the western land For curious things of every kind, And fend you all that I shall find, I've ravag'd air, earth, feas and caverns, Men, women, children, towns, and taverns! And greater rarities can shew Then Gresham's children ever knew, Which carrier Dick shall bring you down, Next time his waggon comes to town. First, I've three drops of that same shower Which Jove in Danae's lap did pour; From Carthage brought, the fword I'll fend :

Which brought Queen Dido to her end;
The stone whereby Goliath dy'd,
Which cures the head-ach well apply'd;
The snake-skin, which you may believe
The devil cast who tempted Eve;
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A fig leaf apron-it's the same That Adam wore to hide his shame, But now wants darning; I've befide, The blow by which poor Abel dy'd; A whetstone worn exceeding small, Time us'd to wet his scythe withal; The pigeon stuff'd, which Noah fent To tell him where the waters went. A ring I've got of Sampson's hair; The same which Dalilah did wear; Saint Dunstan's tongs, which story shews, Dld pinch the Devil by the nose; The very shaft, as all may fee, Which Cupid fhot at Antony; And, which above the rest I prize, A glance of Cleopatra's eyes ; Some frains of eloquence which hung In Roman times on Tully's tongue, Which long conceal'd and loft had lain, Till--found them out again. . Then I've, most curious to be seen, A fcorpion's bite to cure the fpleen : A goad that rightly us'd will prove A certain remedy to love : As Moore cures worms in stomach bred, I've pills cures maggots in the head : With the receipt too how to take 'em.

I've got a ray of Phæbus' fhine, Found in the bottom of a mine ; A lawyer's conscience, large and fair, Fit for a judge himfelf to wear. I've a choice noftrum fit to make An path a catholic will take In a thumb vial you shall see, Close cork'd, fome drops of honesty, Which after fearching kingdoms round, At last were in a cottage found. An antidote, if such there be, Against the charms of flattery. I ha'nt collected any care, Of that there's plenty ev'ry where t But after wond rous labours ipent. I've got one grain of rich content. This my with—it is my glory— To furnish your nicknackatory; I only beg that when you flew 'em, You'll tell your friends to whom you owe 'em; Which may your other patients teach

Butler's Complaint against his pretended Mo-

To know, as has done yours, C. H.

Poeta loquitur.

AGAIN my garret-poverty is flown, By the mean cov'ring of this Portland flowe; I lofe my fame as martyrs lofe their breath, For like Saint Stephen I am ston'd to death. To Lady Mary Wortley Montague.

By Mr. Pope.

IN beauty, or wit,
No mortal as yet
To question your empire has dar'd;
But men of discerning
Have thought that in learning,
To yield to a lady was hardImpertinent schools,
With musty dull rules,
Have reading to females deny'd:
So papits refuse
The Bible to use,

Left flocks shou'd be wife as their guide.
'Twas a woman at first,
(Indeed she was curst)
In knowledge that tasted delight,

And fages agree
The laws shou'd decree
To the first of possessors the right.
Then bravely fair dame,

Refume the old claim,
Which to your whole fex does belong;
And let men receive,
From a fecond bright Eve,

The knowledge of right, and of wrong.
But if the first Eve,
Hard doom did receive,

When only one apple had she,
What a punishment new
Shall be found out for you,
Who tasting have rob'd the whole tree?

Written in Mr. Gay's Works. Presented to a Lady in very splendid Binding.

To the Book.

SILLIER than Gildon could'ft thou be, Nay, did James Baker breathe in thee, She'll keep thee, book, I'll lay my head:— What! throw away a fool in red? No: trust the fex's facred rule, The gaudy dress will fave the fool.

FLOWERS

[•] This Panegyric on Lady Mary Wortley Montague might have been suppressed by Mr. Pope, on account of her having satirised him in her Verses to the Imitator of Horace; which abuse he returned in the sirft Sat. of the second book of Horace.

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FLOWERS OF PARNASSUS.

A SONNET.

To MTRA

OH Cruel! yet too lovely maid!
Can nought your pity move?
Are all my vows with fcorn repaid,
And flighted all, my Love?

Is now my conftancy forgot;
Whole years of anxious care?
When every rifing with and thought
Proclaim'd you fov'reign there.

In vain to me the changeful year
Its various scenes display;
Where Myra render'd each more dear,
And brighter made the day.

Lovely no more the blushing rose, And each fair flow'r appear; While heart-felt sighs, and tost repose, Make Winter all the year.

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To me the landscapes rife in vain, The tuneful warblers fing; For Myra blights, with proud distain, The blossoms of my spring:

Relent, fweet maid, 'ere clouds of grief Bring on the dreary night; Thy chearing presence brings relief, And makes each prospect bright.

Do then, with kind, benignant rays,
The barren waste improve;
And by your smiles make all my days
Blyth Summer, by your love.

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LINES addressed to Miss R

Y head wild with rhime, and with passion my heart,
As a tribute long due, I remit you a part:
Too poor is the verse as a gift to bestow,
And the heart, my dear Betsy, was thine long ago:

But what is it worth? the fair Monitor

"There, bloffom of beauty, thy dear image lies."
And the casket has value, an Hermit wou'd

fwear,
Which treasures a jewel so precious !—so

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With Nature to guide thee, leave logic
to fools!

-I bow to thy mandate !-I quit the dif-

The heart's tender fenfatives view in my
eyes!

When mute I approach thee, 'tis love chains my tongue, The river is filent—the ftream brawls along:

O! chear me with fmiles! and while fmiles
fiercely move

My pulses to rapture !----my senses to love !

On a tide of soft pleasures, entranc'd set

me lie!

Thy voice o'er my foul breathe the music of

And while my fond ear the fweet melody

An earnest of Heaven-bestow from thy lips!

The COMPARISON.

LORINDA, fond our hearts to move, Forth all at once displays her charms:
"Tis at first fight she gains your love, Or not the least her beauty harms. Far nobler arts Amelia tries, Nor of such conquests would she boast; She knows, what's taken by surprize, May by the next surprize be lost. She, with a foster, easier Grace, Kindles at first a gentle Fire:
Think of her Mind, or view her Face, And you preceive it blazing higher.
Florinda's but a single feast;
Amelia's form'd thro' life to please;
At evry meal she mends—at least.—

Who would not chuse the last of these?

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PROLOGUE to the CAPUCHIN. Written by George Colman, Eiq;

And Spoken by Mr. Foote. RITICS, whene'er I write, in every fcene, Discover meanings that I never mean;

What ever character I bring to view, I am the father of the child 'tis true, But every babe his christening owes to you. 1 The comic poet's eye, with humorous

Glancing from Watling-ftreet to Grofvenor-fquare,

He bodies forth a light ideal train, And turns to shape the phantoms of his brain Mean while your fancy takes more partial

aim. And gives to airy nothing place and name." A limner once, in want of work, went

down To try his fortune in a country town; The waggon loaded with his goods, convey'd

To the same spot his whole dead stock in trade.

Originals and copies-ready made. To the new painter all the country came, Lord, Lady, Doctor, Lawyer, Squire, and Dame,

The humble Curate, and the Curate's wife, All afk'd a likeness taken from the life.

Behold the canvas on the easel stand ! A pallet grac'd his thumb, and bruthes fill'd his hand :

But, ah! the painter's skill they little knew,

Nor by what curious art of rules he drew. The waggon-load unpack'd his antient ftore,

Furnish'd for each a face drawn long before,

God, Dame, or Hero of the days of yore.

The Cæfars, with a little alteration, Were turn'd into the Mayor and corporation :

To represent the Rector, and the Dean, He added wigs and bands to Prince Eugene : The Ladies, blooming all, deriv'd their

faces From Charles the Second's beauties, and the Graces,

Thus done, and circuled in a splendid frame,

His works adorn'd each room, and spread his fame.

The country Men of taste admire and stare, My Lady's leer ! Sir John's majestic air! Miss Dimple's languish too! extremely like !

And in the stile and manner of Vandyke! Oh! this new limner's pictures always Arike.

Old, young; fat, lean; dark, fair; or big, or little;

The very man or woman to a tittle !" Foote and this limner in fome points agree And thus, good Sirs, you often deal by me. When by the royal licence and protection, I shew my small academy's collection. The Connoisseur takes out his glass to pry Into each picture with a curious eye; Turns topfysturvy my whole composition, And makes meer portraits all my exhibition. From various forms Apelles Venus drew. So from the million do I copy you. But still the copy's fo exact, you fay; Alas the fame thing happens every day! How many a modifi well-dress'd Fop you meet,

Exactly fuits his shape in Monmouth-street! In Yorkshire warehouse, and in Cranbourn.

'Tis wonderful how shoes and feet will tally! As honest Crispen understands his trade, On the true human scale his laits are made, The measure of each fex and age to hit, And every shoe, as if bespoke, will fit.

My warehouse thus for nature's walks **fupplies**

Shoes for all ranks, and lasts of every fize. Sit still, and try them, Sir; I long to please ye; How well they fit! I hope you find them

eafy: If the shoe pinches, sware you cannot bear it, But if well made-I wish you health to wear it.

CHARACTER.

HEN bodkin breaks loofe From his shop-board and goose, And the drums loud alarm bids him march; Not a doll is more neat, From her head to her feet; Not a mercer more trim, or more starch. Not a foldier more bold, (As a story has told) When storming a dunghill or mount. In fhort, to proceed, Wou'd be tedious indeed, His actions and feats to recount! Did the K-- but once know This terrible foe, To France and Rebellion, in form, He wou'd dub him a Knight, And fend him off ftraight, American castles to storm. Pray Tay a good word,

For this fon of the fword, Now honour and arms call us forth ; Lord George can foon do't, If he'll please to look to't; But I wish you wou'd speak to L.

PROLOGUE:

Written by the Rev. Joseph Hazard.

A S fome poor candidate for vacant place, With fludy'd words and looks, folicits grace,

So I, - rough here,

With trembling accents, and with de-

Fain wou'd their representative appear.
Hard is the fortune of a strolling play'r,
Necessity's rough burden doom'd to bear;
And scanty is the pittance he can earn,
Wand'ring from town to town, from barn

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Adds to the terror of our changeful fate. He, wbo to-night is feated on his throne, Call fubjects, kingdoms, empires all his own;

Who wears the diadem and regal robe, Next morning shall awake—as poor as Job! "Where are my forty knights?" cries frantic Lear;

A Page replies, - "Your Majesty, they're here,"

When, lo!-two bailiffs and a writ-ap-

"Give me a pound of flesh," cries Shylock,
—well he may,

For Shylock—bas not eat an ounce to-day !
Young Harry shall his father's crown purloin,

And only weep—it is not current coin !
"Where is my Romeo?—Juliet cries:—
in bed,

Without his shirt—replies the laundry maid.
On the cold ground, shall poor Castalio lay,
Not till the curtain drops—but break of day!
"Where is my horse?" cries Richard—
in the stable;

"Then lead him forth;"-My Liege, I am not able.

"Villain, thou diest :"-My Lord, he can't be led,

The hungry steed—bath eaten off his head!

Brave Pierre shall laugh upon the torturing wheel,

And so must we, whate'er we think or seel: Whate'er we seel, if here we chance to please,

Your smiles shall pour the healing balm of ease,

Trusting in this, no private ills we moan, But make that pleafure you receive—our own.

The SUPPLE JACK.

You I invoke t'infpire my youthful lays, While I, in humble verie attempt to fing The Uses, Virtues, of my Supple Jack.

Oh! thou dear, useful plant, exotic; from Western climes imported; may'st thou long, long!

Continue thy master's aid, thy master's guard,
Alike 'gainst little noify city curs,

Alike 'gainst little noify city curs,
Or those more bold, intrepid far, in farm
Yards ranging—stand thou firm, and faulter
not.

In thy mafter's hand, when I thine infla-

Prove in curing the refractory, or Any faucy rascal that shall dare, By talk impertinent, to rouse my fury-Such are thy Uses.

But were I even to attempt to fing
Thy virtues, it would be high prefumption.
May thy convincing infience ever be
The lot of rank impertinence; ever the lot
Of fawning fupple flaves, that bend the
knee.

And cringe and flatter, to the pride of

Could I, I would do justice to thy merits, But my weak muse fails in the great attempt.

The task requires an abler pen than mine; Such may'ft thou find to make thy fame immortal.

And do thy honest service justice.

Gloucester, 1776. JUVENIS.

The IMPENETRABLE FAIR.

CUPID, a while fuspend thy Bow; Thy quiver o'er thy Shoulders throw? Hear why Amelia scorns thy Dart, And from the Muse defends her Heart.

Her Eyes, the Seat of Heat and Light, Her sparkling Eyes, are Saphire bright: Rubies, immensely rich compose Her Lips, that Shame the blushing Rose.

Those Hands are Alabaster sine,
Which hold this captive Heart of mine:
No Parian Marble may contest
With that which forms her lovely Breast.
Her Heart assumes the Diamond's Name:
Within, without, she's all the same:
As tho', to make a finish'd Piece,
Sculpture had rais'd up Rome and Greece.

Wonder not then—a Nymph of Stone
Withflands Thy Shafts, and flights my
Moan:

Still thou may'ft shoot, still I complain; Our Darts and Sighs are spent in vain!

^{*} Pointing behind the fcenes.

CUSTOM. A SATIRE.

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Istaken world! considerate, how few! Byass'd by passions ! something ye purfue.

On earth fuch mighty, bus'ness ye prepare, Eternity ye think not worth you care. Is happiness your aim? -mistaken still! Mankind may all be happy, if they will? Short-fighted judges ! acting as ye guess, And vanity purfue for happiness.

Inflead of conscience - CUSTOM we obey,

That o'er our wills usurps tyrannic sway. Custom for liberty is still mistook, And virtue for the fashion is forfook. Cuftom, what art thou but an empty name, That checks our inclinations and our fame? To reformation few the path purfue, Cuftom's a law for every thing we do. Th' excuse is so convenient on our fide, We fafely err while custom is our guide. Youth, when by ill communication (way'd Into flight folies often are betray'd. Taught by example, fin becomes a jeft, Till from one vice, they run thro' all the

Virtue's a trick-religion there is none, Custom controuls them till they're quite undone.

Observe authority, with look severe, Infulting merit-only 'caufe he dare. Each tinfel'd coxcomb inwardly difdain The man of fcence-because his fuit is plain :

Meer flaves to fashion, and extreams of

With hat compleatly cock'd and cont well lac'd;

Whether your qualities are good or ill, They judge your merit by your taylor's bill: Concluding, he to wit has no pretence, Whose lasting serge was bought at small expence.

Ye idle Fair, who fpend the fleeting hours In trifles, dreffing, scandal, and amours; Whose tempers to the fashion subject most, Are for a fashionable trifle crost. Who in your formal vifits take delight, Seem fond of one ye hate, to be polite. Why is plain truth fill deem'd impertinent, And nauseous flattery a thing well meant? Why do ye still the wealthy fool respect, And treat the meritorious with neglect? The perjured rake to make your fex his friends,

Grows disobedient, and his God offends:

Abandon'd yields to ev'ry headstrong passion, And damns himfelf-because it is the fathion !

Then why is he, who fwerves from custom's rule,

Without just reason deem'd a wilful fool? Why do the uncorrupted ftill look on, And calmly fee life's bus'ness left undone? Custom is all we have for an excuse, Cuftom the cloak for ev'ry rank abuse ! Deluded age, confin'd in custom's chain, Reflect-and foon your liberty regain; That (once regain'd) this maxim will protect,

Let each man act as conscience shall direct.

STREPHON'S COMPLAINT.

WAS when flow-rifing Night had **fpread** Her fable Mantle o'er the Earth; The Tulip clos'd his painted Head,

Waiting next Morn' a gayer birth : No other Noise was heard while Screphon

With Words like these his mournful Accents

While, in Clarinda's Arms enclos'd, Like more than Mortal Damon lies; While, on her mowy Breafts repos'd, In foftly melting Raptures dies ; Ye Nymphs and Dryads hear a Youth com-

plain, long Clarinda lov'd, but lov'd in

Kindly at first she seem'd to hend, And long return'd me Sigh for Sigh; Chofe out the Day my pains to end, And the too flothful Day drew nigh. I to my wishes gave their utmost Flight: Sure to enjoy them all th' approaching night.

Damon appear'd a Week before, And with rich Presents footh'd her Pride; Told her what Wealth he had in Store : She play'd the Woman, and comply'd.

Then curft be all the Sex! Tho my fond Heart

Could wish Clarinda of that Sex no Part. Beneath a gloomy willow Shade,

Hard by a murm'ring River's Side, Thus his Complaint young Strephon made, Till all along the Banks, and thro the Glade, Ecbo his laft, his parting Sigh convey'd.



FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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Constantinople, July 17.

HE Porte has deposed Spanachgee Zadee, Pascha of Bagdat, (with whose conduct the inhabitants were extremely diffatiffied) and has substituted in his room Abdullah, the Cheaia of the late Omar Pascha.

Vienna, August 10. Fresh advices daily crown all the laudable undertakings of the Empress Queen in her Bohemian demesnes. Every true friend to his country rejoices at the prospect of reviving happiness; and the aged subjects give thanks to Providence that suffered them to live to an epocha, when the universal rights of mankind, so long trampled under foot, have been given back to them. The Empress entirely patronizes this humane attempt to rescue a numerous people from the bondage of ignorance attendant upon flavery, and has rewarded her faithful fervant Counsellor Von Raab, who has been the chief agent in the act of abolition of villainage, by appointing him Director General of all her Bohemian demeines. Thus the name of THERESA shall become facred to potterity; the heroine may be forgotten, but the benefactress of the human race remains eternally graved in their memories!

Warfato, August 28. The opening of the general diet of this kingdom took place the day before yesterday, with the usual ceremony. The King, followed by all the members of the senate, his ministers, the nuncios, and a vast number of persons of distinction, went to hear divine service at the cathedral, and then returned to the castle. The two marshals then caused the nuncios to enter, as their names were read by the fecretary of the confederacy and diet, and as they were placed at the hottom of the act of confederacy. After the entry of the nuncies, the King, accompanied by the fenators and ministers, went to the same hall and ascended the throne, which done, the marshals opened the fitting with analogous speeches, and they then proceeded to the appointment of deputies to put in order the constitutions; after which the sitting was adjourned till next day. Although the fittings were held with the doors thut, it is [Monthly Miscellany.]

known that they yesterday read the regulation for the confederacy.

Paris, August 21. An unhappy affair has happened to M. le Count de V. Knight of the Order of Malta. In 1772 the Count became acquainted with a young man of a noble, but reduced family, whom he appointed his Se-cretary; he also got him admitted into the Gens d'Armes, and fent him afterwards to one of his estates in the Bourbonnois. Nov. 25, 1774, the young gentleman heated him-felf with sliding on the ice, and the same evening covered his legs with fnow, to cure, as he faid, his chilblains; he afterwards went to bed, seemingly in health, but was found dead the next day. At the end of ten months the Count's enemies remitted libels to the Attorney General, accusing him of having killed, or caused to be killed, this young man, to avoid the payment of 20,000 livres. In confequence of this, informations have been taken, and the body has been dug up, and examined by furgeons. This affair remains undecided, but the reputation, probity, and goodness of heart of the Count, entirely clear him from the charge.

Dunkirk, August 27. An advertisement has been published here by the Board of Admiralty, giving notice of two buoys to be floated on the 1st day of October next, over some dangerous shallows and banks, as a warning to veffels failing into the road of Dunkirk through the East channel; of which the fol-

lowing is a translation. " In confideration of the advantage which the navigation has reaped from the four buovs placed to the West of the road of Dunkirk, according to the general informations given in 1774, which gave notice, that navigators in entering the road through the West affage, would meet with a first black buoy placed on the East point of the bank called the Geere, at the entrance of the road, which they are to leave on the flarboard fide.

"A fecond, likewise black, at the point of the bank named Snau or Splinter, opposite to the Great Mardick, which they are also to leave on the starboard fide.

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"A third, white, at the West point of the Bank Brack, which they are to leave on the

larboard fide.

"And a fourth, black, at the point of the Plateau of Mardick, that is to fay, at the most advanced point of the strand opposite the channel of Mardick, which they are to leave on the starboard side.

" Navigators will therefore observe, that the three black buoys above-mentioned are on the land side, and the white one in the

offing."

It has been resolved by the officers of the Admiralty established for Flanders at Dunkirk aforesaid, with the advice of the deputies of the pilotage, to order two more buoys to be laid at the East passage, to point out it's entrance.

"Weffels coming from the North, and intending to enter by the East passage, will find on the North point of the bank, named Trapegeer, or Cams Bank, a black buoy, which they are to leave on the larboard side.

they are to leave on the larboard fide.

"And on the East point of the bank named d'Helft, which is a continuation of the bank Brack, a white buoy, which they are to leave

on the starboard side.

"These two last mentioned buoys will be laid in manner above set forth, on the 1st day

of October, 1776."

AMERICAN NEWS.

From the VIRGINIA GAZETTE, August 3.

Netb-York, July 15. Yesterday Lord Howe sent up a stage with the Captain and Lieutenant of the Eagle man of war. The Adjunant-General met them, after some little ceremony, but as the letter was directed for George Washington, Esq. he could not receive it; the officers insisted much on his receiving it, saying it was of a civil nature, his Lordship being invested with unlimited powers, and was sorry he had not arrived a sew days sooner. This morning we have accounts that the ships, &c. which passed the town, are 50 miles up, opposite to Tary Town, where the river is four miles wide, and they may be safe.

On Tuesday another stag from the sleet appeared, and was met as before, when a letter was again offered, but for the same reason as the former, rejected.

PHILADELPHIA. In CONGRESS, July 19.

Refolved, That General Wathington, in refufing to receive a letter faid to be fent from Lord Howe, addressed to George Washington, Esq. acted with a dignity becoming his station, and therefore this Congress do highly approve the same, and do direct that no letter or message be received, on any occa-

fion whatever, from the enemy, by the Commander in Chief, or other the Commanders of the American army, but such as shall be directed to them in the characters they respectively sustain.

By order of the Congress,

JOHN HANCOCK, President,

Williamsburgh, July 5. Yesterday the General Convention of this colony, after passing the following ordinances, adjourned themselves to the first Monday in October next.

Declaration of rights.

Plan of government for this country.

An ordinance for making farther provifion for the defence and protection of this
colony.

An ordinance for erecting falt-works in this colony, and for encouraging the making

of falt.

An ordinance for eftablishing a board of commissioners, to superintend and direct the naval affairs of this colony.

An ordinance for augmenting the ninth regiment of regular forces, providing for the better defence of this colony, and for raising fix troops of horse.

An ordinance to supply certain desects in a former ordinance of this Convention for

raifing fix troops of horfe.

An ordinance to amend an ordinance, entitled, An ordinance for establishing a mode of punishment for the enemies of America in this colony.

An ordinance to amend an ordinance, entitled, An ordinance for eftablishing a mode of making tobacco payments during the difcontinuance of the inspection law, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An ordinance to enable the present magistrates and officers to continue the administration of justice, and for settling the general mode of proceedings in criminal and other cases, till the same can be more amply provided for.

An ordinance to amend an ordinance, entitled, An ordinance to provide for paying the expences of the Delegates from this Colony to the General Congress,

An ordinance to arrange the counties in districts for electing senators, and to ascer-

tain their wages.

An ordinance prescribing the oaths of office to be taken by the Governor and Privy Council, and other officers of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An ordinance for amending an ordinance, entitled, An ordinance for raifing and embodying a fufficient force for the defence and protection of this colony, and for other purpotes therein mentioned.

An ordinance making it felony to counter-

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feit the continental paper currency, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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IRELAND.

Galway, August 15. Monday two men, father and son, from Cappoughuse, in Cunnemarra, were brought in here under a guard, and committed to the county gaol, on a ftrong fuspicion of their having murdered, some time fince Christmas last, a man, whose dead body was accidentally discovered by a parcel of little boys, in a pool of water in that neigh-bourhood, where they found it, covered with a few fods of earth. The corple was fo greatly confumed, and the apparel thereon fo much mangled and torn, that from those appearances the identity of the person could not be ascertained; but from circumstances which have fince come to light, it appears that it was one O'Brien, a travelling dealer or pedlar, who fometimes travelled that country, and frequently lodged at the prisoner's dwelling. Two other persons, also suspected of being concerned in this horrid murder, were brought in here last night, and committed to the faid gaol,

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, August 30. The great Mr. Hume was buried here yesterday. He had been ailing a long while, but never complained, nor was confined to his bed till a day or two before his death. He was sensible to the last, and has lest an amiable character behind him for goodness and generasity. His brother is appointed heir by testament, but he has lest some small legacies to several of his friends: To a servant 201, per ann. to Dr. Smith 2001, to Dr. Ferguson 1001, or 2001, and 1001, to erect a monument to his memory, with an express prohibition not to put any thing on it but the day of his birth and the day of his death.

COUNTRY NEWS,

Reading, September 7. Sunday morning laft the following affair happened at Blowberry, in this county: A day-labourer having for some time past lived on disagreeable terms with his father and mother-in-law, took the resolution of destroying himself. It seems, after he had received his week's wages on Saturday night, he declared he had rather be shot than go home; however, he slept at home that night, and on the fucceeding morning fent for two pennyworth of powder and thot, with the whole of which he charged a fowling-piece, and going into a field adjoining his house, shot himself through the heart, and expired immediately. He has left a widow and two children.

LONDON.

August 31. On Tuesday last Mrs. Pearson, a young woman very big with child, coming down from a ship, missed her hold, and fell into the Thames near St. Catharine's Stairs: She was under water full three minutes, and when taken up was to all appearance dead. She was immediately conveyed to Mr. Loutet's, the Black Boy and Trumpet, who very humanely received the body, as well as gave every other affiftance with the greatest readinefs. A messenger was immediately dispatched to Mr. Blount, of St. Catharine's, who attended, and used the means laid down by the humane Society; and in about half an hour a weak pulsation was perceived, and other symptoms of returning life gradually appeared; so that in about three hours she was fo well recovered as to walk home with

the affifance of her friends.

September 2. Yesterday afternoon, about five o'clock, a sailing-boat overfet near Hungerford Stairs with five persons on board, two of whom were unfortunately drowned, and the other three were with much difficulty saved; one of them generously gave a person, who affisted him, five guiness, which was all the money he had about him.

A letter from Paris mentions, that a man who had lately escaped from the gallies was taken into custody there, charged with having committed a robbery and murder fince his escape, for which he was broken on the wheel.

4. A correspondent is told that the bread made for the convicts who work on the Thames is a composition of coarse wheaten flour; the flour of barley and bran. Our correspondent does not aver this circumstance to be an absolute sact; but he wishes the young, the thoughtles, the extravagant, to reslect on the horrid disgrace attending the situation of any man whose crimes have reduced him to so degrading a situation that he is thought unworthy to eat such bread as a vagrant may beg at every door?

The behaviour of the convicts fince they have been on board the lighters has been very becoming:---The clause in the act, which fays, that the time for which they were sentenced to work may be shortenen, on a representation of their good behaviour, has operated very powerfully.

A little time fince a man was convicted for a transportable offence at the Old Bailey, and committed to Clerkenwell Bridewell for three years; but a few days since, being employed to paint the keeper's house, he dropped from a rope, and made his escape.

Saturday night Mrs. Stokes, who was tried at a late fessions at the Old Bailey, on a charge of having seven husbands, and ac-H h b a quitted quitted, was re-apprehended, and lodged in Wood-street Compter, on a charge of having married two other men fince her enlarge-

Extract of a Letter from the Hague, Aug. 30. " It is said that the States General having seceived information, that the English have again taken a Dutch veffel from St. Eustatia, under pretence of her being laden with ammunition, &c. for America, they immediately sent orders to the Charge d'Affairs from the court of London, to make the neceffary complaints to the British government on that subject, that the above-mentioned prize be given up; and it is reported that their High Mightinesses have requested Sir Joseph Yorke to use his endeavours, that the Jaid vessel be returned, and the owners indemnified for the loss they have sustained by its detention."

6. Yesterday the Lord Mayor and several Alderman went to Wimbledon Common, to fee an experiment tried on a house built for that purpose, in which one floor was set on fire and stopped without burning any other part of the building; it fully answered their expectation, and is done by thin plates of iron being nailed to the joices in the room of lath and plaister, and is painted to represent a ceiling, of whatever colour the builder pleases. It is said it will not cost above three and a half per cent. more than the common

method of ceiling houses.

On Saturday evening last, about eight o'clock, three fellows stopped and robbed Mr. Bull, brother to Mr. Alderman Bull, near Colebrook-row, Islington, of his watch and money; but on his telling them the watch was of little value, and he had a re-

gard for it, they returned it.

Extrast of a letter from Belfaft, Aug. 28. " Yesterday that worthy and patriotic nobleman, Lord Camden, did the free and independent gentlemen of this town the honour to partake of a public dinner, which was prepared for the occasion at the Donegal Arms. After dinner many patriotic toasts were given, His Lordship, being but recently recovered from a levere fit of the gout, was obliged to retire early in the evening; previous to which he addressed the company in an elegant speech, expressive of his attach-ment to this kingdom, his approbation of their principles, and his thanks for the honour they paid him; to which a fuitable re-ply was made (in the name of the whole) by the learned and sensible toast-master, Dr. Halliday.'

7. On Tuesday night their Majesties took an airing about Beaconsfield, Wooburn Com mon, &c. and being informed that at the last mentioned place, a poor man with his wife and ten children laboured under the greatest

diffress, they stopped there, and bountifully relieved them.

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After the experiments were over on Wednefday laft upon Wimbledon Common, for fecuring buildings from fire, the Lord Mayor laid the foundation stone of a pillar, with the

following infcription upon it:

" The Right Honourable John Sawbridge, Efq; Lord Mayor of London, laid the foundation stone of this pillar 110, years after the fire of London, on the anniversary of that dreadful event, in memory of an invention for securing buildings against fire."

His Lordship, after his return to town, gave an elegant entertainment at the Manfion-house to the company, on the occa-

The following is an exact description of the outfide of St. Paul's clock :

The diameter of the dial plate 18 feet 10 inches.

The hour hand 5 feet 8 inches. The minute hand 9 feet 8 inches, The hour figures 2 feet 2 inches. The minute figures 1 foot each. The minute strokes 6 inches.

And the rim to the minutes 45 feet. Yesterday, about one o'clock, as a gentlewoman croffed the road to the Afylum she was paffed by a very handsome young fellow with a cockade in his hat, his eyes swelled with weeping, and muttering fomewhat, nothing of which the could hear diffinctly, but a repetition of Lord! His dejectedness gave her much concern. He had got but a little way into St. George's fields, and was about two yards before her, when the faw him take fomewhat out of his pocket, and put it in his mouth; a pistol went off to her great fright, and the young fellow dropped instant-ly down on his back; and by some who immediately affembled, the heard he was quite motionless.

9. Laft Thursday night two men fet up : ladder against the bed-chamber window of Mrs. Watson, at Finchley; one of them went in, which greatly frightened the lady, and she cried out; when the fellow who flood upon the ladder called to his companion, and bid him cut her head off if the made a noise. They robbed her of fixteen guineas and her watch, descended the ladder, and made off. Mrs. Wilson was so much frightened, that she has been ill ever since.

Last Friday night, between eight and nine o'clock, as the Lord Mayor was coming from Staines in his post chaise and four, just on the other fide Turnham-green, a highwayman, well mounted, stopped the footman, and examined if he had any fire arms, and with many imprecations threatened, if he made the leaft noise, he would blow his brains out; finding no fire arms about the fervant, he

gode on to the Lord Mayor's gentleman, stopped and robbed him of three guineas and an half, and then stopped the chaife, called his Lordship many scandalous names, and swore, that if he did not immediately deliver, he was a dead man; upon which the Lord Mayor gave him his jurse, containing four guineas and an half, and also his gold watch, with a gold chain, scals, &c. of great value. He asterwards, in sight of the Lord Mayor's servants, robbed a gentleman of his money and watch. It is said he is known by a person who was behind the Lord Mayor's chaife, and it is thought he will soon be taken.

Last Friday evening four footpads stopped a gentleman and his wife in a one-horse chaise near Islington, and robbed them of their money and watches in fight of a man, whom they threatened to cut to pieces if he did not walk on without taking any no-

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11. The public may be affured, from the most authentic letters, that even the friends of government in America give over the Colonies as for ever lost to Great Britain. A distinguished friend to administration, now in Carclina, writes thus:--- Government have been hasty where they should have prograftinated, and they have been tardy where alertness might have done something. I give ap all for lost. Without an additional force of 60,000 men, the Colonies are gone for ever." It would be improper to mention the name of the gentleman: Let it suffice to say, that the letter is authentic, and the writer has been one of the warmest advocates for government in America.

A petition from Barbadoes came on Monday, fetting forth the dangerous flate of that island, if peace is not speedily made with North America; that they are destitute of provisions, owing to this war; and that they must be inevitably ruined in a short time, if

not fupplied.

Five tons of new halfpence have been fhipped on board the Richmond frigate at Portfmouth, bound to America for the fer-

vice of the army there.

We hear from Litchfield, that James Yates, found guilty and consided at the laft quarter feffions at that place for forgery, and who was to have been executed there on Friday laft, got a dofe of poison conveyed fecretly to him in prison, with which he put an end to his existence on the morning preceding.

Tuesday morning an elderly woman, dressed in second moverning, dropped down in a fit near Mr. Dalmahoy's, on Ludgate-hill, and fractured her skull, by falling upon the edge of a kirb-stone, in such a manner that it is thought she cannot live. She was sent to be Bartholomew's hospital. She had silver

buckles in her shoes, and plenty of money in her pocket.

12. On Monday, the 12th of August last, a truss of upwards of fixty yards of flannel, packed up in a coarse wrapper about two fest eight inches long, corded with a thick cord, and sent by Mr. Adams (an exchanger of the late gold coin under government) by the Ludlow and Leominster sty, directed to Mr. A. Bennett and Co. No. 27, Aldermanhury, London, was (between the consignment of the said truss to the coach at Ludlow, and the delivery thereof at Mr. Bennett's, Aldermanhury) opened and robbed of 1000 exchangeable guineas, and about 40 ounces of moidores, ports, and light gold.

Within these few days the following perfons, who have been convicted and received judgment of death at the Old Bailey for highway robberies, burglaries, and other felonies, have received his Majefty's pardon on condition of leaving the kingdom, viz. William Jefferson, Emanuel Gowen, John Bennett, William Kerrson, William Evans, Richard Cole, John Proctor, John Davies, William Clarke, Charles Chapman, James

Beaumont and Henry Jordan.

On Monday, at the Rotation Office in Litchfield-threet, a woman near fixty years of age was put to the bar : Mr. Williamson being fworn, deposed, that on Sunday afternoon, as he was fitting in the parlour, at his house in Macclessield-street, Soho, he heard feveral times the cries and groans of a child, but could not tell from whence they came, till looking out, he faw a girl of about feven years old hanging by her hands at a three pair of stairs window, on which he ran into the house in order to take her in, but before he could break open the chamber door, which was locked, the fell into a stone yard, but did not receive the leaft hurt : after she had been examined by a gentleman of the faculty, and recovered from the fright of the fall, the gave an account that her grandmother, the prifoner, and her mother, used to beat her in a most cruel manner with a large cord, and lock her up in a room for days together without a morfel of bread, so that her bones were ready to break through her skin, and almost mortified from head to foot by the stripes and kicks she had received from them; and being locked up on Sunday without any food, she, in order to escape, got out of the window. A constable was sent in order to apprehend the mother, whom he found with her throat cut from ear to ear; the child was fent to the Middlesex Hospital, and the grandmother committed for re-examination.

Orders are issued by the Lords of the Admiralty for immediately buying up 800 casks of beef, 500 barrels of pork, and a large quantity of pease and flour, for the use of his

Majesty's navy.

On Friday three ruffiant feized one of the principal evidences on the trial of one Davis for forgery, as he was going to Hicks's Hall, to prefer the bill, and carried him to a house in Suffolk-street, Charing-cross, where they locked him up in a back-room upwards of two hours, threatening to murder him if he made the least noise or disturbance; a post-chaife was brought to the door in order to take him off, but he found means to make his escape out of a back window, and ran as far as the house of James Hubbard, Esq. one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, who fent his servant with him to Hicks's Hall, where the bill was foon found. The ruffians made their escape.

17. Last Friday night Mrs. Shield, of Swallow-street, Piccadilly, was stopped in Berkley-fquare by a genteel young man, and robbed by him of a guinea and a half and two garnet rings. He trembled exceedingly during the robbery, and faid absolute necessity forced him to the act.

Yesterday morning Edward George and Robert Harley were executed at Tyburn for the wilful murder of Joseph Pearson, a Custom-house Officer, near Deptford Turnpike; after they had hung the usual time, their bodies were taken down, and brought to Sur-

geons Hall for diffection.

18. On Sunday evening last, between eight and nine o'clock, one of the northern stages was stopped on Finchley Common by two highwaymen, one of whom was fired at by the guard with a large pistol loaded with feveral small balls, and is supposed to be mortally wounded, either in the left fide or left moulder, as he fell from his horse, which was found yesterday morning early.

19. Counterfeit guineas of the present year are now very current about town: They weigh full, and the difference is scarce perceptible, except the gold being redder, the R on the reverse being scarce distin-

guishable.

Monday night about eleven o'clock four fellows, armed, entered the house of Mr. Gilchrift, at the Blue Last, Clapham-Common, (there being no other company in the house) when two stood guard over Mr. G. his wife and maid, while the others robbed the house of money, plate, and linen, to the

value of 501.

The highwayman who was fhot on Sunday evening on Finchley Common rode to fome distance, and then dropped from his horfe, which was fecured. As he could not be found, he was supposed to be dead, and to have fallen into a ditch; but it afterwards appeared that he concealed himfelf during the fearch, and escaped. Some time after the transaction, a man called for a dram at the Wroftlers at Highgate, which he drank at the

door, and when he was gone a quantity of blood was discovered against the part of the house where he had leaned. Several suspicious places had been fearched yesterday b virtue of warrants issued for that purpo without effect; but as an accurate defens tion is obtained of his person, it is not like he will escape the vigilance of the officen employed to apprehend him.

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At the general gaol delivery on Monday at Hicks's Hall, 85 prisoners were discharged from Clerkenwell Bridewell, and 39 from

New Prison.

Tuesday the sessions ended at the Old Rai. ley, when Mr. Recorder passed sentence of death on 17 capital convicts; 34 were or-dered to be fent on board the lighten for three years to raife gravel, fand, &cc. and for cleaning the river Thames, amongst when were 19 capital convicts, whose execution had been respited; 12 were branded, and erdered to be imprisoned in Newgate, five feet to the house of correction, 14 whipt, three branded and discharged, and 48 delivered on proclamation.

The fession of the peace is adjourned until Friday the 20th inft. at Guildhall, and the fession of gaol delivery until Wednesday the

16th of October next.

Wednesday night, about eight o'clock, young gentleman, about twenty-fix years of age, was found in Mount Row, Lambeth, lying on the ground, as was thought in a fit; but being carried to the castle, on examining his pockets a copy of a letter, without a name to it, was found, taking a last farewel of his father, as he should shortly be no more in this world; which gives reason to think that he has poisoned himself. He was not dead yesterday, but laid insensible.

Last night the house of Captain Gordon of Brien's Row, Spaw Fields, was attempted to be broke open; but the Captain over-hearing them, opened his window and fire at them, which wounded him, as the blood was traced this morning. Two more were

feen to run away.

BANKRUP

Bartholomew Conolly, of St. Martin's Lane, Charing-Cross, woollen-draper and man's mercer.

Charles Triquet and Joseph Hill, of St. George, Middlesex, turpentine manufacturers and copartners.

Thomas Wade, of Holborn, mercer, Robert Wilkinson, of East Ferry, in the parish of Scotton, Lincolnshire, dealer.

Thomas Garrit, of Lenham in Kent,

John Neale, of New Bond-freet, St. George, Hanover-square, hatter.

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William Round, of Birmingham, toy-

William Grove, of Smallbrooke-ftreet,

Birmingham. James Pratt, of Wilden in the parish of Hartlebury, in Worcestershire, and Benjamin Pratt, of the Parish of Old Swinford in the faid county, anvil manufacturers.

William Pitt, late of Bradford in Wilts, linen-draper.

Thomas Price, of Leadenhall - market,

Thomas Miller, of Great Sherston in Wilts, tanner.

David Roberts, of Llangadog in Carmar-

thenshire, dealer in cattle and hops. John Rittinger, late of the Parish of St. John, Wapping, Sugar-refiner.

MARRIAGES.

At Mitcham, in Surry, Thomas Maitland, Eig. of Hants, to Miss Jane Mathew, eldest daughter to General Mathew, and niece to the Duke of Ancaster.

James Crane, Efq. of St. James's-ftreet, to fanna Meetkerke, of Julian. Miss Stratford, of the same place.

At Freshford, near Bath, Mr. Poinsett, furgeon, of Bath, to Miss Bachelor, eldeft daughter of the Rev. Mr. Bachelor, of Fresh-

At Claybrook, in Leicestershire, Thomas Mason, Esq. of Stratford upon Avon, to Mise Wright, of Claybrook.

Roper, Esq. of Chelsea, to Miss Jennings, of Newport-street, Long Acre.

Mr. Jarvis, mafter of the Coach and Horfes at Greenwich, aged 70, to a person of 25.

At St. George's, Hanover-square, Sir William Bowyer, Bart. to Mrs. Baker, reliet of the late Captain Baker.

John O'Carrol, Efq. of Westmeath, in Ireland, to Miss Harriot Wright, daughter of Captain Wright, of Rotherhithe.

At St. John the Evangelist, Westminster, Temple Augustus Goodman, Esq. to Miss Fullmer, daughter of Mr. Fullmer, of St. Paul's, Covent-garden.

- Hall, Efq. of New Bond-ftreet, to Miss Victor, of Brooke-street, Grosvenor-

Mr. Ifrael Lewis, of Fleet-ftreet, to Miss Sawkins, of Maidstone, in Kent.

At St. George's, Queen-square, Lieutenant White, of the Navy, to Miss Kitchin, of Eaft-ftreet.

Mr. John Douglass, of the Strand, to Miss Isabella Young, of Hammertmith.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis, of Stroud, in Gloucestershire, to Miss Allen, of Rodborough. At the Quaker's Meeting-house in White-

Jonah Braufon, late of Lambeth-marih, Hart-court, Gracechurch-ftreet, Mr. Joha Vickres Taylor, corn-merchant in Good-man's Fields, to Miss Eliz. Gray, one of the people called Quakers,

At Stoke upon Trent, in Staffordfhire, Thomas Whieldon, Efq. to Miss Turner, daughter of John Turner, Efq. of Great Cumberland-fireet.

At Hutton, in Effex, S. Collard, Efq. to Miss Collard, of Bishopsgate-street.

At Canterbury, Mr. John Burney, tim-ber-merchant, on Bankfide, to Mils Harnett, daughter of Mr. Harnett, of Canterbury

At Bruffels, the Hon. Charles Dillon, Efq. to Mifs Mulgrave, fifter to the Right Hon. Lord Mulgrave.

George Maxwell, Efq. to Miss Lucy Gage, daughter of Sir Tho, Gage, Bart, of Coldham-hall, Suffolk.

Mr. Stevenson, grocer, in St. Martin's-lane, to Mis Robinson, of Water-street ; and Mr. Stevens, of Water-freet, to Miss Robinson, fifter to that lady; and Mr. Robinfon, painter, in Water-ftreet, father to the above-mentioned ladies, to Miss Robinson of Grosvenor-square.

Mr. John Boodle, of Ongar, to Miss Su-

DEATHS.

At Gloucester, Charles Bewley, Efq. of the Inner Temple.

At Walthamstow, John Pistor.

At Greenwich, Jeremiah Redwood, Efq. In King-freet, Bloomsbury, Henry Grey,

At Brompton, Mr. William Hawkins, a wealthy wine-merchant.

At the Hot Wells in Briftol, George Blarave, jun. Esq. only fon of George Blagrave,

Eig. of Bullmarsh-heath. At Tunstall, the Rev. Thomas Bland, Rector of Little Worley, in Essex, and Vicar

of Sittingbourne, The Rev. Edward Lund, Rector of Denten, and St. Thomas in the Cliffe, near

Lewes. At Threlkeld, in Cumberland, by a fall from the cieling of the new church there, (of which he was undertaker) Mr. Clarke, car-

penter. At Clapton, Zachary Woodfield, Efq. formerly a Lifbon merchant.

In Old Broad-street, Mr. Van Henderick Tatum, a Dutch merchant.

Near Newbury, in Berks, Mrs. Merrick, wife of Mr. Merrick, haberdafher, at Holborn-bridge.

At Haddingdon, the Hon. Andrew Leflie, fon of the deceased John Earl of Rothes.

At Potter-Newton-Hall, near Leeds, the only fon and heir of Edmund Barker, Efq.

At Burnet-field, near Bradford, Mr. John Swaine, a speaker amongst the people called Quakers.

In the 63d year of her age, Mrs. Mary Grifdale, a maiden lady, daughter of Mr.

Grifdale, late of York.

At Hanworth Farm, in Middlefex, Mifs Euphemia Almack, youngest daughter of Mr. Almack.

At his house in Spitalfields, Mr. James Pointhouse, who served with King George I. in the allied army, previous to that mo-march's swaying the British sceptre.

At Newington, in Surry, Mr. Norton,

anctioneer in the Borough.

At his house near the Grey-Coat Hospital, Westminster, Mr. Richard Slaughter, one of his Majesty's mellongers.

At Hampftead, Mr. John Streenton. Mr. Clarke, fan-maker, on Ludgate-hill.

At Newark upon Trent, Mrs. Snow, widow of the late Matthew Snow, Efq. of Clipham, in Rutlandshire.

At Edmondton, Mrs. Elizabeth Horabin,

a widow lady.

In Hatton-garden, Mrs. Elizabeth Burton, selict of - Burton, Efq.

In Oxford-market, Mr. Harris, a wealthy coal-merchant.

In Burford, the Right Honourable Wil-Bam Knollis, Earl of Banbury, Viscount Wallingford, Baron Knollis of Greys, and a Lieut. Colonel.

Mrs. Aft, wife of Mr. Aft, broker, in Lothbury.

At Buxton, Derbyshire, Edward Clarke, Efq. a confiderable planter in Jamaica.

In Lower Brook-freet, the Right Hon. Lady Mary Archer, wife to John Archer, Efq. and aunt to the present Earl Fitzwilliam.

The Rev. Mr. Parry, of Cirencester. At Epforn, Mrs. Sarah Compton, widow

of Edward Compton, Efq. At Twickenham, Mrs. Davis, wife of the

Rev. Mr. Davis.

At Wirksworth, in Derbythire, Philip Gill, Efq. late an eminent physician at Derby. In Upper Brook-street, Charles Field, Efg.

At Grantham, in Lincolnshire, Miss Palmer, an amiable young lady, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Palmer.

In India, the Hon. Lady Ann Monfon, wife of the Hon. George Monfon, one of the supreme council, and fifter to the Earl of Darlington.

At Chichefter, Mr. George Smith, land-

scape painter, and the furvivor of three brothers in that profession; he gained she premisma in 1760, 1761, and 1763. At Lincoln, Thomas Tomlinion, Efq. one

of the coroners for that county.

Mr. Burgefs, chamber-keeper at the Lord Chamberlain's office.

Mr. Martin, mafter of Marybone work. house.

Capt. Everet, of the Bedford, of 74 gum. His thip lies in the river, waiting for failing orders.

In the Mint, Southwark, Mr. Milwood, wine-merchant.

In James-ftreet, Grofvenor-fquare, Mr. Joyce, Shoemaker: He dropped down, and expired immediately.

At Poplar, Capt. Joseph Errington, in the Carolina trade.

At Kingsland, Mr. Cuthbert, wine-merchant, in Shoreditch. Mr. Clarke, belonging to the East-India

Company.

At his feat at Stoke, near Guildford, le. remish Dyfon. Elq. cofferer of his Majehy's houstrold, member of parliament for Horsham in Suffex, and one of his Majesty's most benourable privy council.

In Hamilton - freet, Hyde-park-corner,

Joseph Tidmarih, Efq.

In Cannon-ftreet, Mr. Gore, jeweller. Mr. Paul, importer of lace, in Yorks buildings.

In Bafing-lane, Mr. Benjamin Burnley, one of the common-council of the ward of Bread-ftreet.

In Conduit-Areet, Mrs. Rawlins, rella - Rawling, Efq.

Suddenly, in his shop in Oxford-market, Mr. Gibson, a carcase-butcher; he had been at market early in the morning, in feeming good health.

At Sherborne in Choucesterflire, James Lenox Dutton, Efq.

In Scotland, John Drummond, Eig. of

Logie-Almond. In Broad-ftreet Buildings, Theophilus Me

Neal, Esq. lately arrived from Barbadoes, having left that colony on account of the distress the inhabitants are in.

At Poplar, Johah Van Rochle, Efq. who had made nine voyages to the East-Indies.

Near Nancy in Lorrain, M. Lancalet Chambellan, in his 109th year; a few days before his death, he walked upwards of tes miles.

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A certain North country Schoolmaster giving a Lefson to his pupils previous to their general meeting.